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House of Representative members pose for a photo with Coral Ocean Resort/E-Land representatives yesterday following a House and Senate joint session.

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Joint panel approves new COR lease

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The House of Representatives and Senate held its first joint session yesterday morning where they unanimously voted in favor of passing a joint resolution approving the Coral Ocean Resort's new lease with the Department of Public Lands.

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King-Hinds to push for new, improved CW-1 program

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The CNMI's delegate-elect Kimberlyn King-Hinds has big goals for the CNMI and one of them is possibly improving and establishing a new CNMI-Only Transitional Workers (CW-1) program that caters to the CNMI's unique needs.

King-Hinds, who is currently in Washington, D.C. to learn the ropes of her new role as the CNMI's champion in U.S. Congress, says one of her main goals in her tenure as delegate will be to establish a new and improved CW-1 visa program that actually suits the CNMI's economic needs.

"I want a whole new program. If the fastest route to keep the program intact is by extending the program, then let's do that but I think what we need to do is

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Palacios signs bill allowing CHCC to pay commercial rates

Palacios

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Gov. Arnold I. Palacios has signed into law Senate Bill 23-37 Senate Draft 1 House Draft 1, which essentially mandates that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. start

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Senate passes bill to allow foreign physicians to practice in CNMI

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The full Senate body has passed Senate Bill 23-67 Senate Substitute 1 to essentially allow the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board to create regulations for the licensing of physicians licensed to practice in a foreign

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The full Senate body during a session yesterday on Capitol Hill.

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Local

CHCC advances sustainability with launch of Solar Photovoltaic Phase I

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. announced the successful connection, commissioning, and net metering of Solar Photovoltaic Phase I with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

This achievement marks a significant milestone in CHCC's journey toward renewable energy adoption and sustainable healthcare operations in the CNMI.

The Solar PV Phase I system, now providing 162 kW of clean energy to CHCC's facilities, represents a transformative step in the organization's green energy initiatives. Designed to enhance energy independence and reduce operational costs, the CHCC solar project is being implemented in multiple phases, underscoring the corporation's commitment to environmental stewardship and energy resilience.

Building on this success, construction of Solar PV Phase II is already underway. Once completed, Phase II will add an additional 176 kW of power, further advancing CHCC's sustainability efforts. Looking ahead, funding has been secured for Solar PV Phase III, which will contribute another 176 kW to the corporation's solar capacity. CHCC plans to release a Request for Proposal for Phase III soon, inviting vendors to participate in this pivotal initiative.

These phased solar installations reflect CHCC's dedication to integrating renewable energy solutions that address the healthcare needs of the community while delivering economic and environmental benefits. By reducing its carbon footprint and operational costs, CHCC is fostering a sustainable healthcare infrastructure aligned with CNMI's broader vision for a greener, more energy-resilient future.

CHCC

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Solar PV Phase I system now provides 162 kW of clean energy to CHCC's facilities.

Funding details

CHCC's solar initiatives have been made possible through the U.S. Department of the Interior's Energizing Insular Communities Grant Program.

- Phase I: Funded in part by CHCC and the EIC Grant awarded directly to CHCC.
- Phase II: Funded through an EIC Grant awarded to the CNMI Governor's Office, Office of Grants Management, on behalf of CHCC.
- Phase III: Funding secured through another EIC Grant awarded to the CNMI Governor's Office, Office of Grants Management, for CHCC.

While CHCC spearheaded the development of these grant applications, the awards and procurement processes were managed by the CNMI government.

CHCC extends its sincere appreciation to the Office of the Governor, Office Grants Management, CNMI Energy Division, and CUC for spearheading the interconnection and commissioning of the Solar PV Phase I and upcoming PV buildup for CHCC. ***(PR)***

Atkins Kroll Saipan donates $1,000 to Mariana Skate Surf League

Atkins Kroll Saipan, an Inchcape Company, is proud to support the Mariana Skate Surf League with a $1,000 donation through its Community Matters Program. This contribution reflects Atkins Kroll's commitment to promoting healthy, active lifestyles and fostering community wellbeing on Saipan.

AK SAIPAN

From left, Atkins Kroll Saipan Sales and Rental manager Kevin Barnes, Toyota sales associate Kevin Ada, Aftersales manager Vincent Tudela, Marianas Surf Skate League chair Edward Manibusan, Atkins Kroll Saipan general manager Tracy Guerrero, Toyota sales associate Liza Taylor, and Toyota sales associate Junping Woodruff.

The $1,000 check was presented at the all-new Toyota and Lexus Sales and Service Center in Puerto Rico, highlighting Atkins Kroll's dedication to Saipan's economic growth while strengthening connections with the local community.

Aligned with Inchcape's strategy of fostering wellbeing and making a meaningful difference, this initiative reinforces Atkins Kroll's promise to be "Here for Saipan, Here for Life."

Through the Community Matters Program, Atkins Kroll Saipan is committed to driving initiatives that enhance quality of life, support economic growth, and inspire a healthy future for Saipan.

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2024 Veterans Family Fun Day a success

Project Buddy Check 670, Inc. was grateful to welcome over 300 veteran brothers and sisters and their families to the first "2024 Veteran Family Fun Day" last Nov. 11 at the American Memorial Par softball field.

During the event veterans and family members were able to spend time together and celebrate their friendships, share stories, and play games.

As the newly formed, veteran led, non-profit organization, continues to build the support system of veterans helping veterans, Project Buddy Check 670 is looking forward to next activities that will support their efforts, along with celebrating the community relationships and the support received.

This event could not have been possible without the support of the National Park Service/American Memorial Park, Governor's Challenge Committee, CNMI Office of Veteran Affairs, CNMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Athlete's Foot Saipan, Bank of Saipan, Bridge Capital LLC, Center of Living Independently, Chongs Corp., Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, Fish and Tackle, Golds Gym Saipan, Herman's Modern Bakery, Northern Marianas Humanities Council, Latte Built Gym, *Marianas Variety*, MARPAC, Saipan Shipping, Tan Holdings and Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Triple J Enterprises, Triple J Payless Superstore and Truckload Store, TurnKey Solutions, Senate President Edith DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan), Sen. Celina Babauta (D-Saipan), Sen. Dennis Mendiola (R-Rota), Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian), Senator Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Sen. Karl Nabors-King (R-Tinian), Rep. Malcolm Omar (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Manny Castro (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Thomas John Manglona (R-Saipan), Rep. Vicente Aldan (Ind-Saipan), Gary Sword and KKMP, and Lee Cabrera and the Chalan Piao Familia. We would also like to thank all the volunteers for your contributions.

To register or for more information on Project Buddy Check, 670, Inc., email projectbuddycheck670.nmi@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that **JARELYN A. VILLACANAS** whose picture appears above is no longer connected with SUCCESS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION effective October 1, 2024.

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We decided to release this Notice to the public ***to avoid any confusion & circumstances*** where people might decide to work with her because of a perceived continuing business relationship with SUCCESS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION.

Please be guided accordingly.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DIVISION (DCD) OF THE COMMONWEALTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CEDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE DCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024, AT 1:00 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CEDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CEDA BUILDING, OLEAI, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  A. Call to Order
  B. Roll Call
  C. Adoption of Agenda
  D. Adoption of Minutes - August 27, 2024
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. REPORTS
  A. DCD Financial Status
IV. NEW BUSINESS
  A. Loan Matters (Board Action)
    1. Sylvan & Christine Igisomar
    2. Norbert Mundo
    3. Island Development Corporation
    4. Elphidia Kase
    5. Norman Villagomez
    6. Health Professional Corporation
    7. Clayton Manglona
    8. Frances Sablan-Arriola
    9. Jasmine Taman
V. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VI. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 1(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ FRANK LEE SN. BORJA
Chairman

GMS

Green Meadow School grade 3-5 students who won in the Primary Grade Forensics Conference competition held last Nov. 9, 2024.

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Green Meadow School grade K-2 students who won in the Primary Grade Forensics Conference competition held last Nov. 9, 2024.

Green Meadow School students shine in PGCF tilt

Green Meadow School proudly announces the outstanding achievements of its students at the recent Primary Grade Forensics Conference competition held on Nov. 9, 2024. The event, which showcased the speaking and presentation talents of young learners, featured participants from kindergarten 5 through fifth grade across various schools on the island.

Green Meadow School's students demonstrated exceptional skill, confidence, and creativity, making their school community immensely proud. Their success is a testament to their hard work, the dedication of their teachers, and the support of their families.

The school extends its heartfelt gratitude to the teachers and staff who helped prepare the students for this competition, as well as to the PGFC organizers for providing a platform to nurture young talents.

K-2 Division

DECLAMATION
1st Dayrit, Katrina Zoe
2nd Gabule, Ariel Faith
4th Zinampan, Elijah Reid
5th Barrios, Leondrake

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION A
2nd Mayor, Liann Dreiel
3rd Claveria, Madison Maegan
4th Ravan, Demi Maddison Izeiah

HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION A
1st Cabrera, Savinia Noah-na
3rd Relata, Emily Arden
4th De Vero, Romeo Leon
5th Rueda, Samantha Blythe

HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION B
4th Lilles, Canary Faith

READERS FORUM A
3rd Naluz, Liam Ashton
4th Zinampan, Elijah Reid

READERS FORUM C
2nd Mayor, Lian Dreiel
3rd Dalida, D'Andre Gison

READERS FORUM D
4th Lilles, Canary Faith

READERS FORUM E
3rd Barrios, Leondrake

READERS FORUM F
5th Relata, Emily Arden

READERS FORUM G
2nd Dalusong, Aizen Jay

CHAMORRO SPEAKING
3rd Celis, April Joanne

DUO A
1st Dalida, D'Andre Gison
1st Salamat, Elliana Marie
2nd De Vero, Romeo Leon
2nd Dondonilla, Aerith Rei

CHORAL SPEAKING A
1st Naluz, Luke Estevan
1st Oltjenbruns, Sasha Pearl
1st Salamat, Elianna Marie
1st Zapanta, Rhayven
2nd Dayrit, Katrina Zoe
2nd Gabule, Ariel Faith
2nd Lopez, Rodolf Jr.
4th Angcoy, Miah Lynn
4th Reyes, Anaia Rose
4th Laniyo, Leonidas Drei

3-5 Division

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION B
1st Ortiz, Juliana Kai

HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION A
2nd Mendoza, Paul James
5th Escarcha, Ian Noel

HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION B
2nd Duenas, Christopher Leyland

DECLAMATION
3rd Marzo, Jeron Carl
4th Aguon, John Raphael
5th Lopez, Princess Chloe

READERS FORUM D
2nd Palacios, Jadynn

READERS FORUM F
1st Balboa, Jadean Bryana
3rd Nabetinan, Chrismarie

READERS FORUM H
2nd Palma, Roanne
3rd Lopez, Princess Chloe

CHAMORRO SPEAKING B
1st Kisa, James

DUO A
2nd Ortiz, Juliana Kai
2nd Palacios, Jadynn

DUO B
1st Sansi, Elijah Mosiah
1st Leuma, Joseph Paul Jr.
4th George, Kira
4th Lilles, Colin James

CHORAL SPEAKING B
2nd Dela Cruz, Faith Chloe
2nd George, Kira
2nd Jebehn, Avaline Jeney
2nd Quindoza, Jaira Hope

CHORAL SPEAKING A
1st Duenas, Christopher Leyland
1st Kisa, James
1st Marzo, Jeron Carl
1st Mendoza, Paul James
1st Pulido, Jayden Rei
2nd Escarcha, Ian Noel
2nd Leuma, Joseph Paul Jr.
2nd Nabetinan, Chrismarie
2nd Pangelinan, Autumn D'Ann
2nd Sansi, Elijah Mosiah
5th Balboa, Jadean Bryana
5th Dacuma, Ysabella Ellin
5th Delos Reyes, Kiani Jayde
5th Palma, Roanne ***(PR)***

FOMT to host series of village meetings

Friends of the Mariana Trench is excited to announce a series of village meetings across Saipan aimed at creating safe and inclusive spaces for community members to share their perspectives on ocean conservation. These discussions will focus on concerns surrounding efforts like Marine Protected Areas and the global 30x30 initiative, as well as explore solutions and ideas for what these initiatives should look like for the CNMI.

The village project was born out of concerns about the lack of traditional ecological knowledge and Indigenous perspectives in federal conservation decision-making. Too often, policies are developed without meaningful input from local communities. This project seeks to redefine conservation by asking, "What does Indigenous-led ocean stewardship look like?"

Village meeting schedule:

■ North side — Meeting #1
Date: Friday, Nov. 22, 2024
Time: 5pm-6:30pm
Location: Tanapag Youth Center

■ East side — Meeting #2
Date: Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024
Time: 8:30am-10am
Location: Kagman Community Center

■ West Side — Meeting #3
Date: Friday, Dec. 6, 2024
Time: 5pm-6:30pm
Location: Carolinian Utt

■ South Side — Meeting #4
Date: Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024
Time: 8:30am-10am
Location: Koblerville Youth Center

FOMT invites everyone with a passion for protecting our ocean heritage to attend these meetings. Together, we aim to shape a community-centered approach to ocean conservation that uplifts local voices, fosters intergenerational knowledge exchange, and prioritizes Indigenous-led solutions.

By participating, community members will help unify efforts for sustainable ocean resource management and contribute to a vision that reflects the values, culture, and future aspirations of the CNMI.

For more information, contact Alex Tudela at atudela@friendsmarianatrench.org or Kina Rangamar at krangamar@friendsmarianatrench.org, or visit our website at friendsmarianatrench.org. ***(PR)***

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-25-003

CONSTRUCTION OF AS MATUIS TEMPORARY TANK

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of **a temporary water tank in As Matuis.**

The project consists of a temporary water tank in As Matuis with the furnishing of all labor, supervision, equipment and materials for a new temporary fiberglass tank located in As Matuis. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in Two Hundred Seventy (270) calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 26, 2024 at 1:00 PM (CHST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hardcopies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-25-003, Construction of As Matuis Temporary Tank" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (CHST) on December 19, 2024,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time.

Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (CHST) on December 3, 2024** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address, manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, P&S, Senior Administrative Technician at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Man exposes himself to kids at tourist hub

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CORRESPONDENT

A 34-year-old man often seen roaming the streets of Garapan was arrested over the weekend for exposing his private parts to young children dining with their family.

NMI Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $5,000 cash bail on Omar Nawaz last Monday. He also ordered Nawaz to return to court on Nov. 27 at 10am for a preliminary hearing and Dec. 2, 2024 at 9am, until then Nawaz was to be returned to the custody of the Department of Corrections. Defense attorney Karie Comstock was assigned as Nawaz's public defense. Assistant attorney general Frances Demapan will represent the government.

According to court documents the incident occurred on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at about 7:03pm, when the Department of Public Safety dispatcher received a disturbance call at the American Pizza and Grill Restaurant located along Beach Road in Garapan.

According to the caller the male suspect was said to have left the scene on foot. At 7:25pm, officers arrived on scene and confirmed the incident.

It was documented that just an hour earlier, a 6-year-old victim arrived with an 8-year-old sibling and their mother at the American Pizza and Grill Restaurant for dinner. The family sat nearby a window of the restaurant. The mother observed a homeless man, later identified as Nawaz walking back and forth in front of the glass window where they sat. According to the report the child then asked the mother to move their chair somewhere else, but the mother didn't know why. The child stared out the glass window and the mother saw a sad expression on the child's face.

Nawaz

When the mother looked out the window at the direction the child was looking at and she saw Nawaz's pants down, with both hands on his privates and smiling at the child.

The mother yelled and immediately alerted the staff to call the police. It was reported that Nawaz ran south. Police officers, along with the victim's father, searched the village for Nawaz and later found him by the Flamingo Bar located along the Paseo De Marianas. Nawaz was arrested around 7:50pm for indecent exposure and disturbing the peace.

According to the police report, officers knew of Nawaz from previous encounters.

Nawaz exercised his rights and declined to speak.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Nawaz had also been arrested back in 2020 for disturbing the peace, assault and battery. In that case the victim had stated that she had been struck at the back of the head twice by an individual by the name of Omar Nawaz. Police learned that Nawaz was at the parking lot arguing with someone when the victim went outside to check if they were okay. As the victim was walking toward the two men, Nawaz then yelled at the victim and as she turned to go back inside the gas station Nawaz smacked the victim's head twice from behind.

COR

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Yesterday, 19 members of the House of Representatives and all nine members of the Senate voted in favor of passing Joint Session Resolution 23-2, a joint session resolution granting approval of the final draft lease agreement entered into between the Department of Public Lands and Suwaso Corp. dba Coral Ocean Resort.

The agreement is essentially another 40-year lease of the COR property with the option of a 15-year extension.

The version of the lease agreement passed yesterday includes a minor amendment in the benefit of $5,000 that Suwaso will pay annually to a scholarship program specifically for NMDs.

In a statement from DPL Secretary Teresita Santos, she said the approval of the new lease will ensure many different benefits for the CNMI community.

"Continuity of the COR operations, employment of our people, payment of Business Gross Revenue taxes that will contribute to the general fund for general appropriations coupled with public benefits to the general public such as environmental improvement and beautification projects, improvement at the Dandan Baseball Field, road project initiatives, scholarships and fundings to the Indigenous and Carolinian Affairs Office etc.," she said.

Overall, Santos says the approval of the lease agreement is a win-win for both parties.

"DPL worked diligently through numerous meetings, discussions and negotiations to finalize this lease. Hence, DPL is delighted of the outcome as this is a win-win situation for all parties involved; DPL, COR, our stakeholders and the CNMI, and we look forward to continue working with COR to ensure the success of this lease," she said.

Santos thanks all CNMI stakeholders who had a hand in the approval of this new lease agreement.

"Appreciation is extended to Senate President Edith DeLeon Guerrero and House Speaker Edmund Villagomez for calling on a joint session to act on the joint resolution and approval of the Coral Ocean Resort's new lease with DPL. Additionally, DPL conveys gratitude to chairwoman Corina Magofna, who heads the Senate Committee on REDP, chairman Angelo Camacho who heads the House Committee on NR, members of the respective committees, and the Legislature as a whole for adopting the joint resolution and approving the COR's new lease during today's joint session. Moreover, DPL appreciates the unconditional support of honorable Gov. Palacios and Lt. Gov. Apatang on COR's new lease and all the public comments that were received, in writing or oral, in favor of the same during the public hearings conducted in all three senatorial districts," she said.

In an interview with Yunkyu "Ted" Jung, representative of Suwaso and E-Land Corp. for this project, he couldn't contain his happiness following the approval of the lease agreement.

"This is a really great opportunity for us, they're giving us a new 40 years plus 15 years. We've been working and waiting for the last 13 years since we took over Suwaso Corp. As we stated in our promise to the community, we will fulfill what we promised for the CNMI's development, and we will contribute what we said we would for the public's benefit. We are so grateful and cannot express how happy we are to have another 40 years with this community, we will be moving forward with the CNMI people. Occupancy is a concern and we understand that but right now, we aren't really concerned about it. Since E-Land started in 2011, the market wasn't really strong. But since E-Land started its business, [the number of] investors and tourists have increased since Kensington. We strongly believe this opportunity will [entice] other investors, agencies, airlines, and markets to put their attention to the CNMI. We hope that this new 40-year lease will increase tourism [to in turn entice] more investors," he said.

Calvin Eunpyung Park, general manager of Coral Ocean Resort, said he is ready to get to work.

"I can there's more responsibility because we are given another 40 years so we have to put in the hard work to make a profit which will in

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revamp it so that it is CNMI friendly. These processing times are taking too long, we need boots on the ground to be able to do the Temporary Labor Certifications and folks are not waiting. That's just unacceptable," she said.

King-Hinds emphasizes that new policy would have to take into account the CNMI's economic situation.

"Whatever that policy is going to look like, it needs to consider the economic conditions, and that conversation needs to be had with our federal partners who agree that we do need to address this issue," she said.

In addition, King-Hinds also believes that the CNMI Department of Labor should be empowered to process TLCs if that calls for faster processing of these CNMI-Only visas.

"I do believe that we need to empower our local Department of Labor, who works closely with the U.S. Department of Labor, to be able to do the processing here and that has to come with funding so that is something I definitely support and I hope to be able to check off my list," she said.

Last month, *Saipan Tribune* reported that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s workforce is facing a shortfall as a number of its CW-1 workers have been affected by delays in visa processing.

Previously, *Saipan Tribune* learned that about 17 CHCC personnel—specifically nurses—were affected by a delay in CW-1 processing due to denials of TLCs.

TLCs are certificates granted by the U.S. Department of Labor to essentially allow an employer to process CW-1 visas. To acquire a TLC, employers must first demonstrate that they have exhausted all efforts to hire local workers for specific job categories but are unable to hire enough local workers therefore they need foreign workers to fill in the gaps.

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PALACIOS

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charging the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. commercial rates instead of government rates.

Last Monday, Palacios wrote a letter to Senate President Edith Deleon Guerrero (D-Saipan) and House Speaker Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) informing them that he has signed into law S.B. 23-37 SD1, HD1 which essentially mandates CUC to change the water, power, and wastewater rate for CHCC to commercial rates.

Essentially, commercial rates are much lower than government rates allowing CHCC to pay lower costs is utilities.

The Senate Bill is now Public Law 23-30.

Previously CUC expressed concerns about this bill saying that the passage of Senate Bill 23-37, which would essentially allow CHCC to pay commercial rates instead of government rates, will financially impact everyone as the difference will have to be absorbed by other accounts.

During a special board meeting last month, CUC chief financial officer Betty Terlaje shared that should the bill become law, it will directly impact other consumers as the difference will have to be absorbed by other rate payers.

"Based on the last three fiscal years' average that we charge CHCC, the variants between the two is $2.8 million. That $2.8 million will have to be distributed elsewhere to be able to capture the cost of services we're providing CHCC. The bill has been passed to the governor and the governor has informed CUC that it awaits it comments," she said.

Fortunately, Terlaje said the impact is lessened thanks to amendments made by the House.

"My understanding is the House made amendments to the Senate's version of the bill which is to change the rate classification of the CHCC from government to commercial rate. The House made amendments in our favor, so we're grateful for that, that the application of the change is not retroactive until 2011. So, the impact has significantly reduced compared to the Senate's version," she said.

CUC board members raised concerns about this impact and are opposed to the bill's passage until a cost service study is done to determine exactly what it costs to service CUC so that other rate payers are not affected.

CUC will be doing cost service studies in the next week with the help of subject matter experts to determine how much it really costs to serve commercial accounts and government accounts and establish an update rate structure that will be brought before the CPUC.

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country allowing them to practice in the CNMI.

Following a Senate session yesterday, the full Senate body unanimously voted to pass S.B. 23-67, SS1 which ultimately would allow physicians licensed in foreign countries to practice in the CNMI.

Just last week, the Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education and Welfare passed Senate Bill 23-67 Senate Substitute 1.

During the hearing, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. professionals came out in support of the bill's passage.

Marty Roringer, deputy chief medical officer at CHCC and vice chairman of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, expressed that there is an increasing crisis across the nation due to a decline in the number of primary care and acute care providers.

"Not only here but it's a nationwide issue where there is a shrinking number of primary care and acute care providers in remote areas. This would include us here in Saipan but especially on Rota and Tinian. Trying to get an appointment with a primary care doctor is a challenge, this problem is upon us already and is not expected to get any better and we are required to explore other options in finding qualified doctors. This problem is certainly in primary care already but is expected to worsen in specialty care as well," he said.

At CHCC, Roringer said they have leveraged multiple recruiting resources without adequate results.

"I know the private sector struggles with this as well. Medical schools in the United States are graduating insufficient numbers of doctors for the aging population and this problem is expected to worsen," he said.

Fortunately, there are qualified people out there who can provide this level of care, and it has been proven through the Medical Referral Program. Unfortunately, current barriers are hindering qualified doctors from practicing here which is why he supports the passing of S.B. 23-67.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

Judiciary celebrates treatment court graduates

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—Recognizing treatment as the most effective tool for addressing substance use disorders—the Judiciary celebrated the graduations of three of its treatment court programs last week.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, two participants completed the Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court, a program providing intensive supervision and therapeutic support for individuals charged with impaired and intoxicated driving offenses. Judge Vernon P. Perez, who presides over the DWITC, commended the graduates for their perseverance.

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"Their hard work in the program is significant," Perez said. "For years, each of them had to attend treatment groups and meetings online or in person. They've had to abstain—a minimum of six months without testing positive."

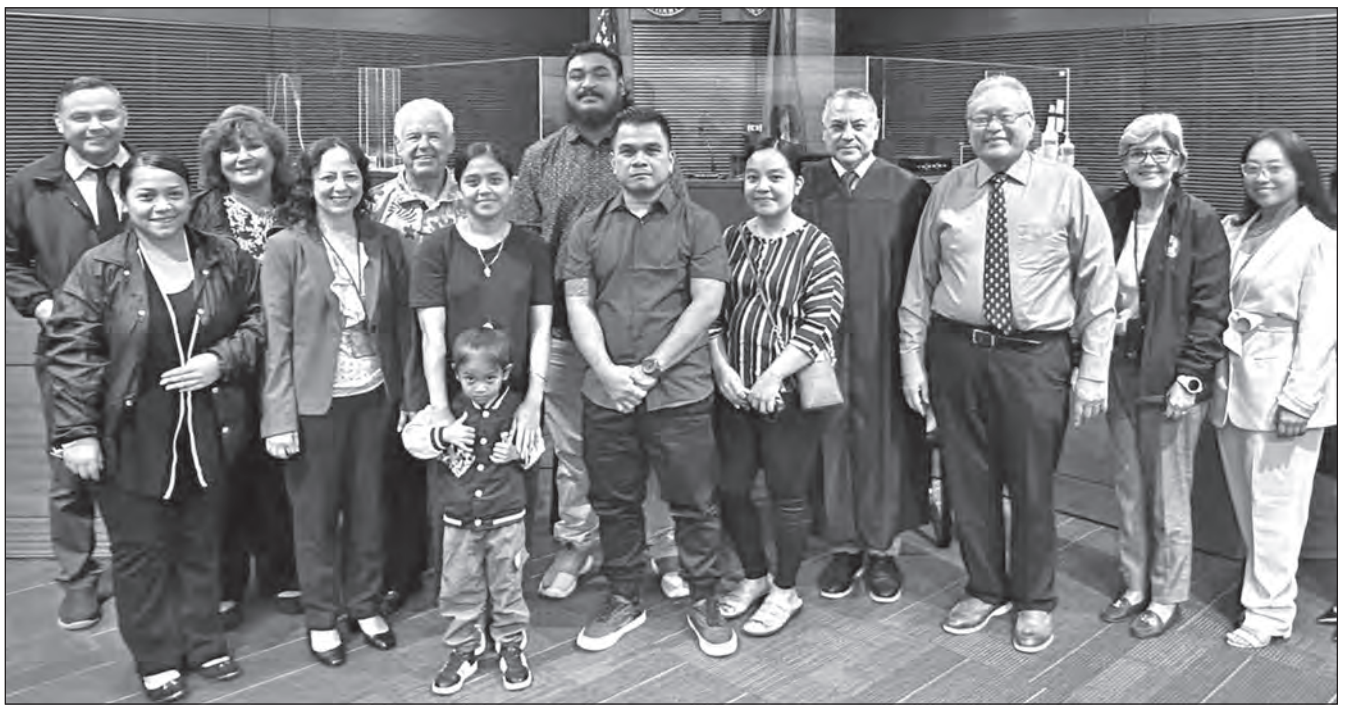
The following day, Nov. 15, an additional six participants graduated from the Veterans Treatment Court, which offers tailored support for veterans coping with service-related addiction, mental health challenges, and other co-occurring disorders. Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, who oversees the VTC and is a pioneer of the Judiciary's treatment courts, encouraged the graduates to maintain their progress.

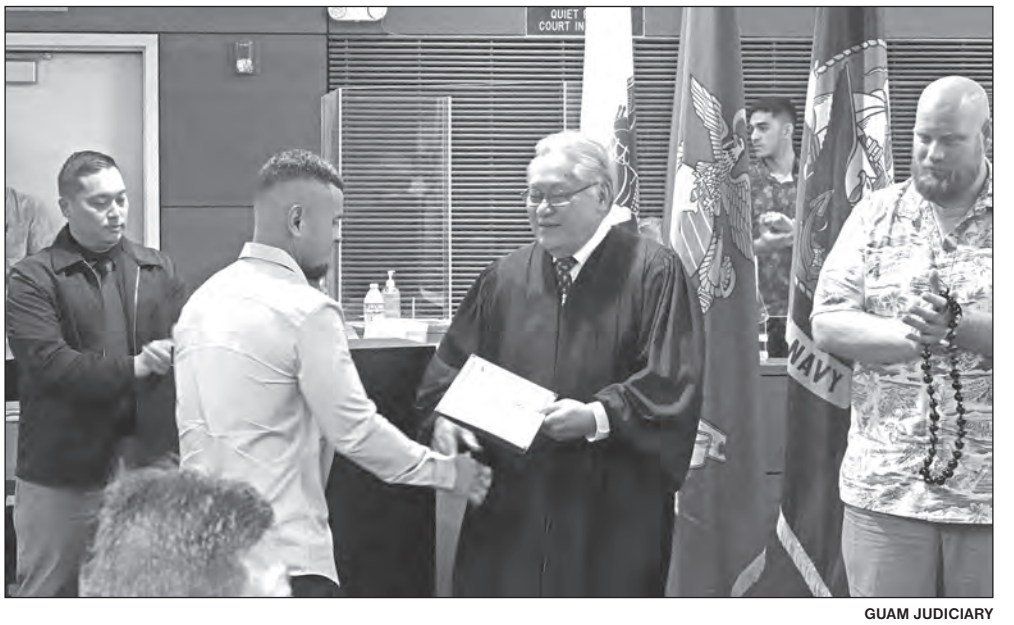
"To succeed, you must maintain your sobriety. It is not just the key to your recovery—it's the key to your future," Lamorena said. He also reminded them that the court's doors remain open to those seeking help, adding, "If you need support, we will take you in—no questions asked."

The week's celebrations concluded with the graduation of one participant from the Guam Family Recovery Program, which marked its seventh anniversary this year. The GFRP focuses on eliminating parental substance abuse and equipping parents with the skills to create safe, nurturing, and substance-free homes. Family Court Referee Linda L. Ingles, who oversees the program, applauded the graduate's dedication.

"The Guam Family Recovery Program has been a beacon of hope for countless families," Ingles said. "It provides a safe space where parents can heal, grow, and create a better future for themselves and their children." Since its inception, the program has served 60 adult participants and 226 children.

According to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, treatment courts continue to significantly improve outcomes, reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at a lower cost than any other criminal justice strategy. ***(PR)***





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The Guam Judiciary celebrated the graduations of three of its treatment court programs last week—the Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and the Guam Family Recovery Program.

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Rubio as secretary of state—Will he be able to rein in Trump's isolationist impulses?

President-elect Donald Trump's selection of Florida's U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio to be secretary of state on Wednesday will elevate the Miami native and son of Cuban exiles to the post of America's chief diplomat.

It's a fitting and clever choice—one that Rubio, 53, meticulously carved out by aligning himself with Trump after they famously clashed on the 2016 presidential debate stage, with Trump nicknaming him "Little Marco." Trump even considered Rubio as his running mate this time around but ultimately opted for Ohio Sen. JD Vance.

The question is whether Rubio's more traditional GOP views will be a moderating force to Trump's isolationist impulses and his coziness with right-wing autocrats, or if he will follow Trump's lead and help withdraw the U.S. from much of the world stage.

If the high turnover of top officials in Trump's first term was any indication, Rubio could have to tread carefully to keep his job, and Trump has signaled that he'll be looking for Cabinet members who are loyal to him and less interested in maintaining American democratic institutions.

Rubio has built deep expertise on foreign affairs during his Senate career—he's a top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Intelligence Committee. Rubio also played a central role in the first Trump administration by shaping the former president's policies in Latin America.

Rubio was a vocal critic of the Biden administration's concessions to Venezuelan dictator Nicolas Maduro's regime, which did not prevent Maduro from reportedly stealing July's presidential election. As the Herald reported on Tuesday, Rubio's appointment will signal a shift on U.S. policy toward the South American country.

Cuba might not be at the top of the list of America's international priorities, but, given his roots in the Miami exile community, expect Rubio to apply more pressure on the regime that has survived multiple U.S. administrations and continues to crack down on protests and oppress its people.

With Trump back in office, Rubio's role will likely involve trying to assure America's allies, especially in Europe, that the country will not abandon them. The choice of Rubio for secretary of state has already eased concern by top diplomats who feared Trump would pick Ric Grenell, a favorite of the far-right and a former U.S. ambassador to Germany who would have an antagonistic attitude toward the State Department, Politico reported.

Rubio, in contrast, spearheaded a bipartisan bill to make it harder for a president to pull out of the NATO military alliance, something Trump has threatened to do. Yet Rubio must understand that his support for NATO isn't likely to resonate in a party that Trump has remade in his "America First" mold.

If he gets the job, Rubio will have to play nice with MAGA officials who believe Ukraine should be left on its own to fight

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As climate change worsens, so too will natural disasters. Here's how to pay for them

By ERIN COUGHLAN DE PEREZ
Los Angeles Times

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These days it's hard to escape news stories discussing how climate change is contributing to extreme weather disasters, including the recent U.S. hurricanes. Aid agencies are increasingly worried about the widespread damage.

A growing question as these disasters worsen in a warming world is how to pay for recoveries, particularly in poorer countries that have contributed the least to climate change.

I am a climate scientist who researches disasters, and I work with disaster managers on solutions to deal with the growing risk of extreme events. The usual sources of aid funding haven't come close to meeting the need in hard-hit countries in recent years. Groups are developing more effective approaches, in some cases delivering aid before the damage occurs.

Countries typically rely on a few ways to send money and aid to other countries that need help when disasters hit. They can send direct government-to-government aid, contribute to aid coordinated by the United Nations, or support response efforts by groups such as the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

However, these efforts are almost never enough. In 2023, the amount of humanitarian funding through the U.N. was about $22 billion. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimated that countries hit hard by disasters actually needed about $57 billion in U.N. humanitarian aid to cover resources such as emergency food aid and safe drinking water. This does not include the costs borne directly by residents and their governments as they rebuild.

At the U.N. climate conference in 2022, participating countries agreed to create a new method — a fund for loss and damage, generally defined as consequences of climate change that go beyond what people are able to adapt to.

The goal of the fund is for countries that historically have done the most to cause climate change to provide funding to other countries that did little to cause it, yet are experiencing acute climate-related disasters.

So far, however, the loss and damage fund is tiny compared to the cost of climate-related disasters. As of late September 2024, the total pledges were about $700 million. According to one estimate, the annual costs directly attributable to climate change, including loss of life, are about 150 times that at more than $100 billion.

One goal of the 2024 U.N. climate conference, underway now through Nov. 22 in Azerbaijan, is to increase those contributions. There are still many areas of debate around the loss and damage fund, including whether investing in a country's resilience to future disasters counts toward it, whether existing financial systems should be used to channel money to countries in need, and what damages are truly beyond the limits to adaptation.

The fund is only part of a mosaic of initiatives. The disaster management community is getting creative about helping countries finance disaster risk reduction and response.

Traditionally, humanitarian funding arrives after a disaster happens, when photos and videos of the horrible event encourage governments to contribute financial support and needs assessments are completed. However, with today's technology, it's possible to forecast many climate-related disasters before they happen, and there is no reason for the humanitarian system to wait to respond until after the disaster happens.

A global network of aid groups and researchers I work with has been developing anticipatory action systems designed to make funding available to countries when an extreme event is forecast but before the disaster hits. This can allow countries to, for example, provide cash for people to use for evacuation when a flood is forecast, open extra medical services when a heat wave is expected or distribute drought-tolerant seeds ahead of a predicted drought.

Groups are also developing novel forms of insurance that can provide predictable financing for these changing catastrophes. Without insurance, disaster-affected people usually bear the costs. Experts recommend insurance as a critical part of an overall climate change adaptation strategy.

Traditional insurance, however, can be expensive and slow to assess individual claims. One solution is "index insurance" that pays out based on drought information without needing to wait to assess the actual losses. African nations created an anticipatory drought insurance product that can pay out when the drought starts happening, without waiting for the end of the season to come and crops to fail. This could, in theory, allow farmers to replant with a drought-resilient crop in time to avoid a failed harvest.

Another promising area of innovation is the design of social services that can scale up when needed for extreme weather events. These are called climate-smart social protection systems.

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It's too soon to say wokeism is dead

By ADRIAN WOOLDRIDGE
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It is easy to conclude that the woke revolution met its Waterloo on Nov. 5. The Republicans ran the most unwoke man in America for the presidency and were amply rewarded for it.

A post-election analysis by the polling company Blueprint discovered that the top reason why swing voters eventually supported former President Donald Trump over Vice President Kamala Harris was culture (+28) followed by inflation (+23). Trump lieutenants, such as his Vice President-elect JD Vance and his nominee for secretary of state, Marco Rubio, regard the destruction of the "woke regime" as a top priority.

The Democratic establishment is already blaming the woke wing of the party for the loss. James Carville, Bill Clinton's legendary campaign director, has blamed the loss squarely on the party's failure to distance itself from "woke era" politics. MSNBC's Joe Scarborough, the former Republican congressman and now host of "Morning Joe," has blamed "white elitists" and their obsession with symbolic politics. "What on earth is Latinx? No Latino person uses the word Latinx, but people spouted this because they felt they had to."

Europeans are taking careful note of this. Middle-of-the-road conservatives such as the new leader of Britain's Tories, Kemi Badenoch, will no doubt intensify their war on woke while more hard-right figures such as Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni will go into overdrive. And center-left parties will flee from cultural issues even more rapidly than they will flee from photo opportunities with Kamala Harris: Keir Starmer has already declared that Britain won't be paying reparations for slavery to former colonies.

But was Nov. 5 really Waterloo? Or is it merely a skirmish in a drawn-out campaign? Is a single election enough to put an end to a cultural movement? Or is it an opportunity for reassessment and regrouping? There are three strong reasons for thinking that the Great Awokening will survive the current setback.

The first is that the wokery has reshaped—and in some cases captured—a broad range of powerful institutions such as academia, the mainstream media, public corporations and the public sector.

The essence of wokery is a focus on the role of race (and by extension gender, sexual orientation and colonialism) in the division of power and economic gains and a belief that past injustices were so searing that they justify reverse discrimination and the policing of speech. (Conservatives would replace the word "focus" with "obsession" and worry that guilt blinds the left to the West's many achievements).

The Economist argues that a plethora of indicators (such as the decline of media mentions of phrases such as "white privilege") suggest that we have passed "peak woke." But this is to mistake effervescence for essence; the essence is that major institutions have been comprehensively reordered over the past decade or more to give a much higher profile to woke concerns.

Universities are central institutions because they control entry into most well-paying jobs. But it's hard to see how Trump's election will change the fact that, particularly in America's most elite temples of learning, wokery has tenure. Academics have shifted significantly to the left in recent years: A survey by the Harvard Crimson, a student newspaper, found that only 1% of academics call themselves conservative. Universities have also institutionalized progressivism by the creation of specialized subjects (Black Studies or Women's Studies) and by the creation of a growing class of academic administrators who tend to be even more progressive than academics.

Corporations can't treat public opinion with the disdain of tenured academics. Many companies such as Walt Disney Co. and Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV's Budweiser have retreated from public statements after being badly burned in the culture wars. John Authers of this parish points out that corporate commitment to ESG had been waning long before Trump's election in part because of poor returns. But these tactical retreats shouldn't distract our attention from the fact that the corporate landscape has been changed.

Almost all big companies have ironclad commitments to DEI (diversity, equality and inclusion). Some 48% of S&P 500 Index companies tied bosses' remuneration to diversity targets in 2023, according to the pay consultancy Farient Advisors, and the share of job advertisements that mention the word "diversity" continues to grow. Management consultancies have imbibed so deeply of the wokery potion that, in its current web page, McKinsey features an article on "how leaders can tap the power of vulnerability."

The second is that wokery thrives in opposition. What better proof is there that Americans need to be re-educated than the fact that they reelected Trump to the White House? And what better feeling is there than the feeling that you are part of a righteous minority? The New York Times took a significant step to the progressive left during Trump's first administration in part because the most uncompromisingly anti-Trump articles did so well. The Guardian, which made a point of assuring its staff on the night of the election that it had therapists available, has already promised to "redouble our efforts to hold the president-elect and those who surround him to account."

The most important reason is generational: Younger people are on average much more woke than older ones. Polls not only show that younger voters are more likely to vote for Democrats than Republicans by significant margins, perhaps not a surprising verdict.

They also show that they endorse hardline progressive positions. A Harvard-Harris poll finds that nearly half of U.S. Zoomers support Hamas over Israel. A Skeptic Research Center survey finds that a similar share believe "the Israeli government advocates for white supremacy" (the share of older people who agree with such propositions is in the low single digits).

This enthusiasm for hardline positions isn't confined to the U.S.: Eric Kaufmann, a sociologist at Britain's Buckingham University, notes that British 18-25 year olds split evenly on whether Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling (who thinks that a biological male is not a woman) should be dropped by her publisher while fewer than 5% of those over 50 do. "Progressive illiberalism may be less fashionable in the boardrooms of 2024 than it was in 2020," says Kaufmann, "but its writ is likely to run through them in 2044."

We should expect a few strategic retreats in response to Trump's re-election. More universities will declare "institutional neutrality." CEOs will memory hole their more hysterical comments about "intersectionality." "Latinx" will be consigned, unmourned, to a lexicographical graveyard. But the woke resistance will be as loud as ever in Harvard Yard and Sproul Plaza. When it comes to reshaping culture, a single victory, however famous, is not the end of the war.

The black fog of bird flu—Will animal agriculture bring the next pandemic?

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After killing millions of birds worldwide, the H5N1 avian flu is creeping like a black fog of death through U.S. dairy farms. Dead cows and calves infected with the virus lie in piles along Californian roadsides, baking under the sun, surrounded by swarms of flies. The outlook is troubling for humans, too: Globally, over 400 people have already lost their lives to H5N1. We must help animals—and ourselves—by going vegan. Now.

Pigs are especially effective at transmitting diseases to humans due to their cells' physiology—and bird flu was just found in a pig in Oregon. This is the latest red flag showing that our dependence on animals for food is paving the way for zoonotic diseases to spread. From COVID-19 to swine flu, the link is undeniable. And it is no surprise when we consider what animals raised for food endure.

Cows, pigs and chickens are intelligent, curious and social beings. Like humans, they each have their own unique personalities. Cows have best friends. Pigs love to solve puzzles. Chickens dream. These animals deserve to live peacefully, free from harm. But on today's farms, they can't do anything natural or important to them.

Picture this: Animals crammed together by the thousands in dark, filthy warehouses, barely able to move, with many standing in their own waste. These animals are often denied fresh air, sunlight and even a glimpse of the outside world for their entire lives. Not only do these stress-filled, overcrowded environments cause immense suffering, but they weaken animals' immune systems and foster the spread of viruses—including some that can jump to humans.

The World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have long warned about these risks, highlighting how factory farms are hotspots for emerging infectious diseases. Research from the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future confirmed this, showing that the conditions on factory farms can create transmission zones where pathogens can spread to humans.

Animal agriculture is turning the planet into a petri dish for diseases in more ways than one. A new study published in Nature found that biodiversity loss and climate change, among other factors, set the stage for the spread of infectious diseases. Raising animals for food is a chief contributor to both. It produces large amounts of greenhouse gasses like methane, which trap heat in the atmosphere, and it requires massive amounts of land, water and resources. This harms ecosystems and causes biodiversity loss, as forests and wildlife habitats are cleared to make space for farms.

Pandemics come with a massive price tag. The economic fallout costs governments billions in emergency health interventions, lost productivity and shutdowns. Just think back to COVID-19, which brought the world to a standstill. Many of us are still feeling the financial effects of the pandemic, while others are dealing with long COVID or grieving the loss of loved ones to the virus. We can't afford to keep gambling with our health, our wallets and our lives by supporting an industry that breeds pandemics.

Going vegan isn't just about preventing pandemics—it's also proven to benefit human health: Studies from the American Heart Association and Harvard University show that people who eat vegan have lower rates of heart disease, diabetes and certain cancers. This should come as no surprise, as plants are high in fiber and antioxidants and have zero cholesterol.

With COVID-19 lingering like a nightmare and avian flu threatening more death and destruction, we must stop making choices that devastate our health, the planet and all its inhabitants. The simplest, most hopeful thing we can do is make humane choices with our food. So, please, go vegan.

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Russia and that NATO is a waste of time. Rubio himself has softened his tone on U.S. intervention overseas over the years.

As secretary of state, Rubio will be faced with an unstable world. There's a war in the Middle East caused by last year's terrorist attacks against Israel. Ukraine and Russia are still at war and U.S. allies are terrified of Russian President Vladimir Putin's influence in Europe. Cuba and Venezuela have shown no signs of regime change despite different approaches by different presidents, including Trump. Haiti is in shambles.

China's influence in the world and in Latin America, which Rubio has been talking about for years, continues to threaten U.S. interests and there's fear the Chinese could try to invade Taiwan. There is also Iran's nuclear threat and North Korea, to name a few of the challenges of this role.

Rubio has built a career in the Senate by focusing on some of these issues. If his planned nomination is approved by the U.S. Senate, he will be in a position to affect more change, and the pressure will be on him to deliver results, especially in Latin America. His community in South Florida will expect nothing less.

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For example, existing programs that provide food for low-income families can be scaled up during and after a drought to ensure that people still have sufficient and nutritious food. This requires government coordination among the variety of social services offered and is a promising way to support vulnerable communities in the face of the rising number of extreme weather events.

These novel mechanisms to finance disaster risk are exciting, but they should be coupled with investments in adaptation and resilience so that extreme weather events cause less damage. Communities will need to take steps such as planting different crops, building flood drainage systems and living in adaptive buildings. Managing climate risk requires a variety of innovative solutions before, during and after disaster events.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny. East wind 11 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.	Isolated showers. Mostly sunny. East wind 11 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.	Mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny.
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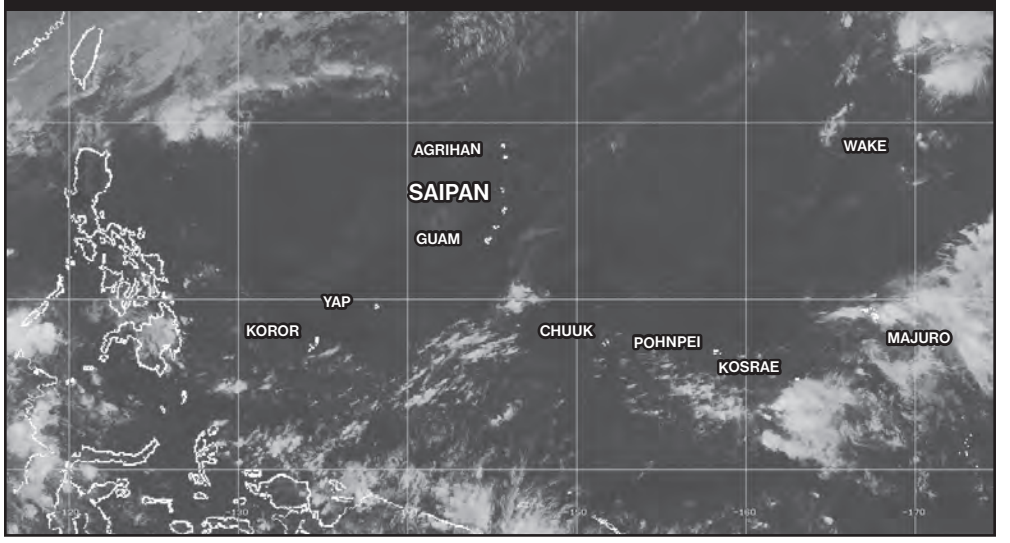

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Only minor changes to the forecast were needed last night, most notably for tonight`s forecast. PoPs were dropped down to high-end isolated shower from low-end scattered showers. Satellite imagery suggests there is not much up stream that would produce much more than and short live pop shower. Time heights also shower a rather dry layer. The 9pm sounding also showed little moisture through most of the air column. Winds are too great for island heating to produce convection or island effect showers. Over all a fair weather day is in store for the Marianas. Seas will remain around 4 to 6 feet and winds will be gentle to moderate.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: https://www.weather.gov/gum/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	88° / 79°
Palau	Sunny	86° / 78°
Yap	Mostly Sunny	84° / 80°
Chuuk	Sunny	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Sunny	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	86° / 77°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:21 AM	5:43 PM
Thursday	6:21 AM	5:43 PM
Friday	6:22 AM	5:43 PM
Saturday	6:22 AM	5:43 PM
Sunday	6:23 AM	5:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	10:30 AM	9:57 PM
Thursday	-	11:19 AM	10:53 PM
Friday	-	12:02 PM	11:46 PM
Saturday	-	12:40 PM	-
Sunday	12:34 AM	1:15 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Sunny	63° / 55°
Beijing	Fair	47° / 30°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	77° / 65°
Honolulu	Windy	84° / 75°
London	Showers	61° / 55°
Los Angeles	Sunny	86° / 65°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	92° / 79°
Melbourne	Rain	75° / 50°
Miami	Thunderstorms	83° / 77°
New York	Clear	67° / 49°
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	65° / 49°
Paris	Showers	70° / 54°
Busan	Cloudy	55° / 42°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	75° / 54°
Salem	Sunny	74° / 50°
San Francisco	Sunny	61° / 50°
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	49° / 25°
Tokyo	Fair	58° / 47°
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	71° / 45°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:48 AM	Low Tide	-0.72
11:19 AM	High Tide	1.79
4:34 PM	Low Tide	1.25
8:48 PM	High Tide	1.70

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SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	1:20PM	4:00PM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily
UA183	7:55PM	9:50PM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA076/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA076/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	2:30AM	6:25AM	Daily
7C3212	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX77	3:05AM	5:55AM	1, 5

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:50AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	5:30PM	10:05PM	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	00:40AM	6:25AM	3, 6
PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	10:55PM	4:40AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184	00:40AM	8:50AM	3, 6 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:50AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
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7C2306/3407	11:20PM	3:30PM+1	Daily

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3211	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 2, 2024

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	08:30	09:00	Daily
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1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	11:30	12:00	Saturday & Sunday
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:30	14:00	Monday To Friday
3104	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	11:30	12:00	Monday To Friday

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	12:30	13:00	Monday To Friday

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

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2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2106	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2107	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

Business

United announces new Taipei-Guam nonstop direct service

TAIPEI, Taiwan—United Airlines, in partnership with the Guam Visitors Bureau, announced that an exciting new service between Taipei, Taiwan and Guam will launch on April 2, 2025.

The new twice-weekly nonstop service, scheduled for Wednesdays and Saturdays in both directions, will depart Guam at 7am and arrive in Taipei at 9:25am. The return flight from Taipei to Guam will depart at 11am and arrive in Guam at 4:50pm. United will operate the flights with a Boeing 737-800 with 166 seats, 16 of which are in business class.

All new flights are subject to government approval and will become available for sale on United.com and on the United app in due course.

Sam Shinohara, managing director of Airport Operations, Asia/Pacific at United, thanked the Guam Visitors Bureau for their partnership in making the new route possible for Guam.

He said, "The new Taipei-Guam route expands an exciting new destination for Guam's tourism industry and provides more direct connections to Asia for Guam's residents. We have been working to develop the Taipei-Guam route for some time now as we believe that introducing a new route for Guam will help the island to diversify its visitor base and provide more convenient connections for business and leisure travelers in the region."

UNITED

United Airlines' Taipei-Guam nonstop direct service will operate the flights with a Boeing 737-800 with 166 seats, 16 of which are in business class.

Taipei, Taiwan – Guam Service, Effective April 2, 2025*

Flight No.	Depart	Time	Arrival	Time	Frequency
UA 0165	Guam (GUM)	7:00 a.m.	Taipei (TPE)	9:25 a.m.	Wednesdays and Saturdays
UA 0166	Taipei (TPE)	11:00 a.m.	GUM	4:50 p.m.	Wednesdays and Saturdays

*Schedule subject to change

Kenichi Kiriyama, director of Sales, Japan and Micronesia at United, said, "We are pleased to connect two of the most beautiful destinations in Asia Pacific and offer our customers more travel destinations to explore. Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, is a cultural and economic center with a population of about two and a half million people and will also serve as a convenient forwarding city from many destinations in South East Asia."

"I want to thank GVB and United Airlines for the partnership that returns direct air service between Guam and Taipei. This move will help our efforts to expand tourism and provide our residents to pursue economic opportunities and access to specialty healthcare," said Guam Lt. Gov. Joshua Tenorio.

"We want to thank Ken Kiriyama for his commitment to this project. After communicating with many people from United Airlines over the last several months, Ken's efforts kept Guam top of mind until this pivotal accomplishment. I truly commend the team at United Airlines for their time and support in reconnecting this vital route and strengthening our ties between Guam and Taiwan. Last, but not the least, my deepest appreciation goes out to the former President & CEO Carl Gutierrez and our GVB team for their enduring efforts. As we unite to bring back the Taiwan market, our journey to improve tourism for Guam continues with more dedication than ever. Our work is far from over, but if we've made this much progress in just a few short months, think what we can accomplish together in the future ahead," stated acting GVB president and CEO, Dr. Gerald Perez.

» Opens new opportunities for Guam's tourism industry

Guam travelers will not need a visa to travel to Taipei, which is known to be an affordable destination offering many enjoyable options for history, cultural, architectural, and culinary enthusiasts. Taipei is also known as one of the most walkable cities in the world.

As Guam's hometown airline for more than 55 years, United offers more than 80 weekly flights to 14 destinations in Taiwan, Japan, Manila, Palau, and islands in the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands. Customers can book travel between Taipei and Guam later this month.

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Brazil's G20 summit produces a broad declaration that's short on specifics

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—The summit of the Group of 20 leading economies in Rio de Janeiro produced a joint declaration Monday that, while not totally endorsed by one of the group's members, succeeded in addressing most topics host Brazil had prioritized addressing: both ongoing major wars, a global pact to fight hunger, taxation of the world's wealthiest people and changes to global governance.

Experts had doubted Brazil 's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva could convince assembled leaders to hammer out agreement given uncertainty about the incoming administration of U.S. President-elect Donald Trump and heightened global tensions amid the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. Further dimming prospects of consensus, Argentina's negotiators challenged some of the draft language—and ultimately refrained from endorsing the complete document.

"Although generic, it is a positive surprise for Brazil," said Thomas Traumann, an independent political consultant and former Brazilian minister. "There was a moment when there was risk of no declaration at all. Despite the caveats, it is a good result for Lula."

Militant group Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel occurred one month after last year's G20 summit. It was thus unclear how this year's statement might address Israel's campaign of retaliation, which has killed more than 43,000 Palestinians in Gaza, according to local health officials, and more than 3,500 people in Lebanon in Israel's offensive against Hezbollah, according to Lebanon's Health Ministry.

The G20 declaration referred to the "catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza and the escalation in Lebanon," and stressed the urgent need to expand humanitarian assistance and reinforce protection of civilians.

"Affirming the Palestinian right to self-determination, we reiterate our unwavering commitment to the vision of the two-State solution where Israel and a Palestinian State live side by side in peace," it said.

But it made no mention of Israel's suffering or some 100 hostages that remain in Hamas captivity. Israel isn't a G20 member.

That lack of acknowledgment appeared to run contrary to U.S. President Joe Biden's consistent backing of Israel's right to defend itself. It's something Biden dutifully notes in public, even when speaking about the deprivation of Palestinians caused by the grinding war. During a meeting with G20 leaders before the declaration was hammered home, Biden expressed his view that Hamas is solely to blame for the war and called on fellow leaders to "increase the pressure on Hamas" to accept a cease-fire deal.

Looming large on Monday was news of Biden's decision to ease restrictions on Ukraine's use of longer-range U.S. missiles to allow that country to strike more deeply inside Russia.

"The United States strongly supports Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Everyone around this table in my view should, as well," Biden said during the summit.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is the summit's most notable absentee. The International Criminal Court has issued a warrant that obliges member states to arrest him, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov attended instead.

The G20 declaration highlighted the human suffering in Ukraine while calling for peace, but without naming Russia.

"The declaration avoids pointing the finger at the culprits," said Paulo Velasco, an international relations professor at the State University of Rio de Janeiro. "That is, it doesn't make any critical mention of Israel or Russia, but it highlights the dramatic humanitarian situations in both cases."

Such lack of specificity is true of the entire declaration, Velasco added. "It is very much in line with what Brazil hoped for ... but if we really analyze it carefully, it is very much a declaration of intent. It is a declaration of good will on various issues, but we have very few concrete, tangible measures."

In working group meetings in the run-up to the G20, ministers and negotiators discussed Brazil's proposal to tax billionaires' incomes by 2%. According to French economist Gabriel Zucman, who worked as a consultant for Lula's administration on the topic, such a measure would affect some 3,000 people around the world, of whom 100 are in Latin América.

At the start of the leaders' afternoon session, Lula reiterated his call for the tax.

That made it into the final declaration, but there had been considerable doubt it would. One official from Brazil and one from another G20 nation say Argentine negotiators most vehemently opposed the clause—which they had previously accepted, in July—and another promoting gender equality. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly.

In the end, Argentina signed the G20 declaration while partially dissenting from certain aspects, it said in a statement on X. That included content related to the U.N.'s previous 2030 sustainable development agenda that right-wing President Javier Milei has referred to as "a supranational program of a socialist nature." It also objected to the regulation of hate speech on social media, action by global institutions like the U.N. that the libertarian president has criticized as infringement on national sovereignty, and the idea that increased state intervention is the way to fight hunger.

Argentina's presidency didn't respond to requests for comment clarifying specifically which clauses it opposed. The official from the G20 nation with knowledge of the negotiations said Argentina adopted the statement under intense pressure from world powers. The X statement, the official said, was aimed at a domestic audience that appeared to relish Milei's Trump-like role as spoiler in the multilateral talks hosted by his outspoken critic, Lula.

Much of the declaration focuses on the eradication of hunger—a priority for Lula.

Brazil's government previously stressed that Lula's launch of the global alliance against hunger and poverty on Monday was as important as the final declaration. As of Monday, 82 nations had signed onto the plan, Brazil's government said. It is also backed by organizations including the Rockefeller Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

A demonstration Sunday on Rio's Copacabana beach featured 733 empty plates spread across the sand to represent the 733 million people who went hungry in 2023, according to United Nations data, and called on leaders to take action.

Viviana Santiago, a director at Oxfam, an anti-poverty nonprofit, praised Brazil for using its G20 presidency "to respond to people's demands worldwide to tackle extreme inequality, hunger and climate breakdown, and particularly for rallying action on taxing the super-rich."

World

Typhoon Man-yi leaves 7 dead in the Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Typhoon Man-yi left at least seven people dead in a landslide, destroyed houses and displaced large numbers of villagers before blowing away from the northern Philippines, worsening the crisis wreaked by multiple back-to-back storms, officials said Monday.

Man-yi was one of the strongest of the six major storms to hit the northern Philippines in less than a month and had sustained winds of up to 195 kilometers (125 miles) per hour when it slammed into the eastern island province of Catanduanes on Saturday night.

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin met President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. In Manila and offered his prayers, announcing an additional $1 million in humanitarian aid for typhoon victims. He told Marcos he has authorized U.S. troops to help Filipino forces provide lifesaving aid.

AP

Motorists ride past a part of a roof suspended on electric wires blown by strong winds caused by Typhoon Man-yi along a street in the municipality of Baler, Aurora province, northeastern Philippines Monday, Nov. 18, 2024.

Torrential rains and fierce wind unleashed by Man-yi set off a landslide early Monday in the northern town of Ambaguio in Nueva Vizcaya province that buried a house and killed seven people, including children, and injured three others inside, regional police chief Brig. Gen. Antonio P. Marallag Jr. said.

Army troops, police and villagers were scrambling to search for three other people who were believed to have been entombed in the avalanche of mud, boulders and uprooted trees, Marallag said.

Disaster response officials said they were checking if the deaths of two villagers in a motorcycle accident and an electrocution were directly related to Man-yi's onslaught so they could be added to the overall death toll. They said a separate search was underway for a couple and their child after their shanty was swept away in rampaging rivers in northern Nueva Ecija province.

More than a million people were affected by the typhoon and two previous storms, including nearly 700,000 who fled their homes and moved to emergency shelters or relatives' homes, according to the Official of Civil Defense.

Nearly 8,000 houses were damaged or destroyed and more than 100 cities and towns were hit by power outages due to toppled electric posts, it said.

In the worst-hit province of Camarines, officials pleaded for additional help after fierce winds and rain damaged more houses and cut off electricity and water supplies in the entire province, along with cellphone connections in many areas, provincial information officer Camille Gianan said.

Welfare officials transported food aid, drinking water and other help but more is needed over the coming months, Gianan said. Many villagers will need construction materials to rebuild their houses, she said.

"They have not recovered from the previous storms when the super typhoon hit," Gianan told The Associated Press. "It's been one calamity after another."

The rare number of back-to-back storms and typhoons that lashed Luzon—the country's largest and most populous island—in just three weeks left more than 160 people dead, affected 9 million people and caused such extensive damage to communities, infrastructure and farmlands that the Philippines may have to import more rice, a staple food.

In an emergency meeting as Man-yi approached, Marcos asked his Cabinet and provincial officials to brace for "the worst-case scenario."

At least 26 domestic airports and two international airports were briefly shut and inter-island ferry and cargo services were suspended due to rough seas, stranding thousands of passengers and commuters. Most transport services have now resumed, according to the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippine and the coast guard.

Moscow warns US over allowing Ukraine to hit Russian soil with longer-range weapons

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—The Kremlin warned Monday that President Joe Biden's decision to let Ukraine strike targets inside Russia with U.S.-supplied longer-range missiles adds "fuel to the fire" of the war and would escalate international tensions even higher.

Biden's shift in policy added an uncertain, new factor to the conflict on the eve of the 1,000-day milestone since Russia began its full-scale invasion in 2022.

It also came as a Russian ballistic missile with cluster munitions struck a residential area of Sumy in northern Ukraine, killing 11 people and injuring 84 others. Another missile barrage sparked apartment fires in the southern port of Odesa, killing at least 10 people and injuring 43, Ukraine's Interior Ministry said.

Washington is easing limits on what Ukraine can strike with its American-made Army Tactical Missile System, or ATACMs, U.S. officials told The Associated Press on Sunday, after months of ruling out such a move over fears of escalating the conflict and bringing about a direct confrontation between Russia and NATO.

The Kremlin was swift in its condemnation.

"It is obvious that the outgoing administration in Washington intends to take steps, and they have been talking about this, to continue adding fuel to the fire and provoking further escalation of tensions around this conflict," spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia went further at a U.N. Security Council meeting marking 1,000 days of war, saying Moscow is "astounded" that the leaders of Britain and France "are eager to play into the hands of the exiting administration and are dragging not just their countries but the entire Europe into large-scale escalation with drastic consequences."

The scope of the new firing guidelines isn't clear. But the change came after the U.S., South Korea and NATO said North Korean troops are in Russia and apparently are being deployed to help Moscow drive Ukrainian troops from Russia's Kursk border region.

Biden's decision almost entirely was triggered by North Korea's entry into the fight, according to a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, and was made just before he left for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Peru.

Russia also is slowly pushing Ukraine's outnumbered army backward in the eastern Donetsk region. It has also conducted a devastating aerial campaign against civilian areas in Ukraine.

Israeli airstrike hits central Beirut near key government buildings and embassies

BEIRUT (AP)—An Israeli airstrike slammed into a densely populated residential area in Lebanon's capital near key government and diplomatic buildings late Monday, killing at least five people as the U.S. pressed ahead with cease-fire efforts.

Lebanon's state-run National News Agency said two missiles hit the area of Zoqaq al-Blat neighborhood—where local U.N. headquarters and Lebanon's parliament and prime minister's office are located.

Since late September, Israel has dramatically escalated its bombardment of Lebanon, vowing to severely weaken the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant group and end its barrages in Israel that the militants have said are in solidarity with Palestinians during the war in Gaza.

The U.S. has been working on a cease-fire proposal that would remove Israeli ground forces from Lebanon and push Hezbollah forces far from the Israeli border. Lebanon's Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, a Hezbollah ally who is mediating for the militants, is expected to meet with U.S. envoy Amos Hochstein in the Lebanese capital on Tuesday. The White House has not confirmed Hochstein's visit.

Labor Minister Mostafa Bayram, who met with Berri on Monday, said Lebanon would convey its "positive position" to the latest U.S. proposal.

The Israeli military had no immediate comment on the strike, which also wounded 24 people, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry.

Many areas in central Beirut, including Zoqaq al-Blat, have become a refuge for many of the roughly 1 million people displaced by the ongoing conflict in southern Lebanon and the southern suburbs of Beirut. The strike also occurred near a Hussainiye, a Shia mosque.

The target of the airstrike remained unclear, and the Israeli army did not issue a prior warning. Ambulance sirens echoed through the streets as an Associated Press photographer on the scene saw significant casualties on the street.

It was the second consecutive day of Israeli strikes on central Beirut after more than a monthlong pause. On Sunday, a strike in the area of Ras el-Nabaa killed Hezbollah media spokesperson Mohammed Afif, along with six other people, including a woman. Later that day, four people were killed in a separate strike in the commercial district of Mar Elias.

The Israeli military has not said what the target of that strike was.

Minutes after Monday's strike, Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati said in a post on X, "All countries and decision-makers are required to end the bloody and destructive Israeli aggression on Lebanon and implement international resolutions, most notably Resolution 1701."

Life & Style

Combs lawyers claim seizure of writings from cell is 'outrageous govt conduct'

NEW YORK (AP)—Lawyers for Sean 'Diddy' Combs accused prosecutors on Monday of engaging in "outrageous government conduct" by using materials seized from his jail cell to try to keep him incarcerated before a May trial.

They said information gathered in a raid on Combs' cell at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn were cited in papers the government filed in Manhattan federal court on Friday in a bid to keep the music mogul locked up before his May 5 trial.

"This is a matter of grave concern that, most respectfully, must be addressed immediately," the lawyers told Judge Arun Subramanian, who already has scheduled a bail hearing for Friday for Combs. They requested an "immediate hearing" so prosecutors can explained who authorized the search of Combs' cell, where personal effects and paperwork were seized.

Later Monday, prosecutors responded to the claims with a letter to the judge saying that the inspection of Combs' cell was part of a jail-wide, safety-related sweep unrelated to Combs or his prosecution.

They said the search was planned before Combs was arrested and was properly carried out with an investigator who entered Combs' cell and decided to not examine a manila envelop labeled "legal" that was in the cell.

They added that any potentially privileged materials were viewed first by a "filter team" of government lawyers not working on the case. The team was tasked with weeding out any confidential communications protected by attorney-client privilege so that trial prosecutors couldn't see them.

AP

Sean "Diddy" Combs arrives at the LA Premiere of "The Four: Battle For Stardom" at the CBS Radford Studio Center on May 30, 2018, in Los Angeles.

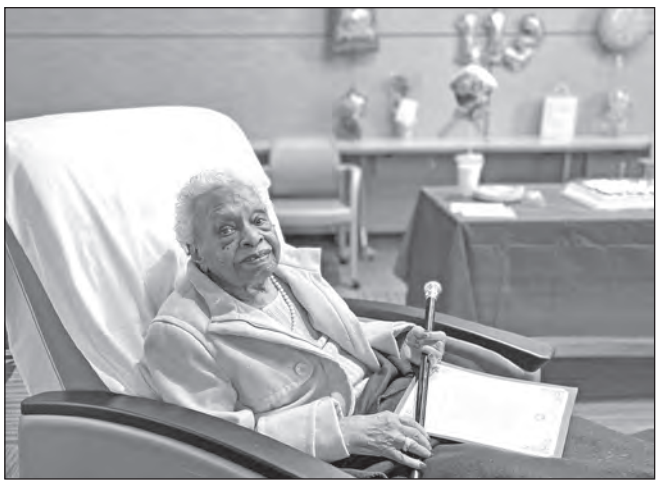
Herlda Senhouse, the second-oldest US resident, dies at age 113

WELLESLEY, Mass. (AP)—Herlda Senhouse, who founded a jazz dance group to raise money for Black students in the 1950s and lived to become the second-oldest person in the United States, has died at age 113.

Senhouse died "peacefully in her sleep" on Saturday, said Stephanie Hawkinson, public information officer for the town of Wellesley, Massachusetts, where Senhouse had lived for the last four decades.

"She never missed an opportunity to learn more, do more, experience more," said Hawkinson, who met Senhouse on her 108th birthday and had celebrated with her every year since.

Born Feb. 28, 1911, in Piedmont, West Virginia, Senhouse was sent to live with an aunt in Woburn, Massachusetts, at age 16 and graduated from Woburn High School. According to the Boston Globe, she dreamed of becoming a nurse but was turned away by a nursing school after it had met its quota of two Black students in 1931.



AP

Herlda Senhouse at her 113th birthday celebration on Feb. 28, 2024, in Wellsley, Mass.

She later worked as a housekeeper for several families and founded the Boston Clique Club, which raised money to improve educational opportunities for Black students in Boston.

At age 105, she enrolled in the New England Centenarian Study, which seeks to determine how people like her age so slowly while delaying or escaping aging-related disease. She also bequeathed her brain to researchers, Hawkinson said.

According to the Gerontology Research Group, the oldest person in the United States is Naomi Whitehead, 114, who lives in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

Japanese poet Shuntaro Tanikawa, master of modern free verse, has died at 92

TOKYO (AP)—Shuntaro Tanikawa, who pioneered modern Japanese poetry, poignant but conversational in its divergence from haiku and other traditions, has died. He was 92.

Tanikawa, who translated the "Peanuts" comic strip and penned the lyrics for the theme song of the animation series "Astro Boy," died Nov. 13, his son Kensaku Tanikawa said Tuesday. The cause of death, at a Tokyo hospital, was old age.

Shuntaro Tanikawa stunned the literary world with his 1952 debut work "Two Billion Light Years of Solitude," a bold look at the cosmic in daily life, sensual, vivid but simple in its use of everyday language. Written before Gabriel García Márquez' "One Hundred Years of Solitude," it became a best-seller.

Tanikawa's "Kotoba Asobi Uta," or "Word Play Songs," is a rhythmical experiment in juxtaposing words that sound similar, such as "kappa," a mythical animal and "rappa," a horn, that makes for a joyful singsong compilation, filled with alliterations and onomatopoeia.

"For me, the Japanese language is the ground. Like a plant, I place my roots, drink in the nutrients of the Japanese language, sprouting leaves, flowers and bearing fruit," he said in a 2022 interview with The Associated Press at his Tokyo home.

Tanikawa explored the poetic, not only in the repetitive music of the spoken word but also the magic hidden in little things.

AP

Shuntaro Tanikawa, a Japanese poet and translator, reads his poem during an interview with The Associated Press in Tokyo, on May 25, 2022.

Partner continues to enable grown son's bad behavior

DEAR ABBY
BY ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I've been living with someone for four years. When we started living together, his son "Byron" was incarcerated. Byron is 33 and has been in trouble since he was 15. His dad keeps bailing him out. I used two of my credit cards to help raise the $11,000 bail to get him out of jail. In exchange, Byron agreed to put on a new roof for us and help around the house.

Byron has completed none of the tasks that were asked of him, and his dad keeps helping him anyway. We had to pay Byron's rent at the rehab so he wouldn't be kicked out. This has created a rift between me and my boyfriend, who thinks I'm being selfish and greedy.

Am I wrong for no longer wanting to help financially? We got along great until this happened.

DOING TIME, TOO, IN ALABAMA

DEAR DOING TIME: Byron is the person he is because his father has enabled him since he was a child. You are neither selfish nor greedy for refusing to give more money. Forgive me if this seems harsh, but unless you want to continue to be emotionally blackmailed by your boyfriend, get out now before you are drained financially.

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DEAR ABBY: I have no problem driving at night, but I prefer to stay home rather than go out. Truth be told, I don't like to be out after 4 or 5 p.m. Yes, I miss a lot of social activities, but I don't mind.

The problem is friends and acquaintances who, when they find out I'm not going out at night, instantly offer to pick me up because they are kind and gracious. No matter how many times I explain that it's not the driving, it's that I prefer not to be out at night, it falls on deaf ears.

I know I'm lucky to have sweet friends who volunteer to drive me, but I'm tired of explaining myself. Because I don't want to insult anyone, can you suggest a polite way to turn these folks down? Nothing I've said so far has worked, including saying, "It's not the driving. I don't go out at night."

HOMEBODY IN FLORIDA

DEAR HOMEBODY: Perhaps you should state your message a little more emphatically by saying, "I don't think you UNDERSTAND. It's not the driving, it's that I am uncomfortable going out after dark. PLEASE don't ask me again because my answer isn't going to change."

■■■

DEAR ABBY: My wife's family has a history of breast cancer. She has had several MRIs and biopsies, which have caused a great deal of discomfort and stress. She is now going in for a lumpectomy. I'm beginning to think it may be better to have her breasts removed. I didn't marry her boobs; I married the woman behind them. What do you think?

PROACTIVE IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR PROACTIVE: I'm sure you love her, but I think you should support your wife emotionally and let this decision be something that's decided between her and her doctors.

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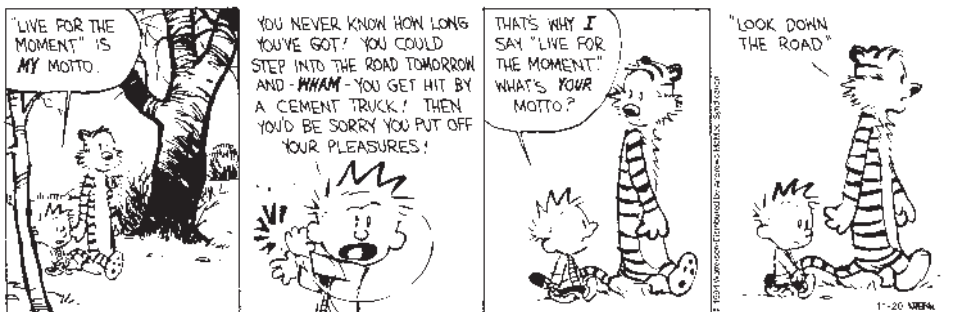
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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"LOOK DOWN THE ROAD."

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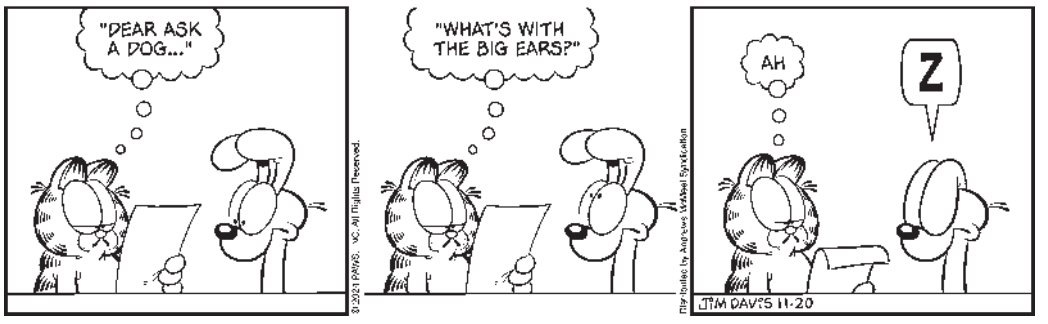

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

DAD MADE A PRE-THANKSGIVING TURKEY!
WHAT?
WHERE'S OUR PRE-CHRISTMAS? OUR PRE-HALLOWEEN?
GAH. THIS WHOLE SYSTEM IS RIGGED!
KIDS HAVE RIGHTS, TOO!
I FEEL A STRIKE COMING ON.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE CHICKENS WE SERVE WERE FED AN ALL-VEGETARIAN DIET.
IS THAT GOOD?
BEATS ME, BUT MY GUESS IS THAT THEIR LIVES WERE SO MISERABLE THAT THEY DIDN'T MIND BECOMING A PLATE OF NUGGETS.

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By Eugene Sheffer

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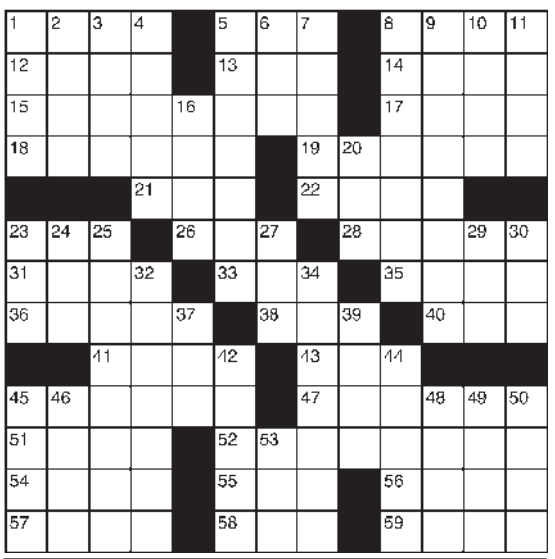

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ashley Fink, 38; Dan Byrd, 39; Joel McHale, 53; Bo Derek, 68.

Happy Birthday: Explore the possibilities, learn something new, travel and engage in self-improvement and personal change that generates hope for a brighter future. Trust your instincts over hearsay and weed out what's fact from fiction. Channel your energy into something meaningful and avoid arguments that solve nothing and leave you feeling empty. Make choices that satisfy your soul, revitalize your ambitions and turn your dreams into a reality. Your numbers are 4, 10, 17, 25, 32, 36, 42.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Take a run at something that requires imagination, creativity and raw energy to achieve, and it will take you on an adventure that energizes your mind and exhausts you physically. The result will be magical and spur you to incorporate dynamic pastimes into your routine. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Sit back and observe. Choose to let your inner voice dictate what you do next. Don't believe everything you hear, and verify the costs involved before agreeing to something that's not within your budget. Acting in haste will lead to doubts later on. Slow down; time is on your side. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Refuse to let someone fool you into something using pretenses. Question motives, take direct action and account for what you will and won't contribute. A trip, presentation or learning experience will transpire depending on how you respond. When in doubt, take a pass; put yourself first, not someone else. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* A partnership or new position looks promising. Go the distance to ensure you get what you want and formulate a good relationship simultaneously. Someone will offer questionable information. Good negotiating skills will come in handy and help ward off someone trying to take advantage of you or attempting to interfere. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Show vitality and passion in whatever you do, and others will take notice. Network, socialize and use the information you receive to make positive change. Choose not to attend functions that limit you mentally, financially or emotionally. Put your energy into getting ahead, not arguing over a moot point. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Opt out if someone asks you to sign up for something questionable. A domestic problem will unfold if you or someone close to you withholds information or facts. Rely on your intuition and ability to stick to the plan you see fit and favor physically. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* High energy and sound advice will lead to something tangible. Look for an opportunity that links you to an associate you've lost touch with. Traveling and gathering knowledge will help you make better choices. A minimalist attitude will serve you well and protect against excessive mistakes. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take the plunge and sign up for an adventure, lecture or networking function that will encourage connections, leading to positive change. A financial opportunity looks inviting, but invest time dissecting the results before you sign up. Protect your assets. Treat flaws, address red flags and avoid losses. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Take time to figure out what and who you want in your life. Someone you least expect will point you in the wrong direction if you are too trusting. Do the legwork and avoid being misled. Apply energy to investing, budgeting and saving for something you want. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Get involved in a cause and be the one to make a difference. Your actions will prompt others to help. Your discipline will pay off financially and build up your confidence to ask for what you want. A change you make will enhance your appeal. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Expand your surroundings to fulfill your needs. Lighten the load by selling off what you don't use or donating to those in need. Someone who can make your life better will recognize your kindness and compassion. Use your energy strategically, and the returns will surpass your expectations. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* A steady pace forward will help you make the changes necessary to stabilize your life. Refrain from letting anyone talk you into implementing something you don't want or cannot afford. Stick to basics and do what makes you feel good about yourself and your actions. Self-improvement is favored. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are passionate, empowering and ambitious. You are idealistic and persistent.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty: ★★★ 11/20

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty: ★★ 11/19

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

EDITING IS HARD Solution: 9 letters

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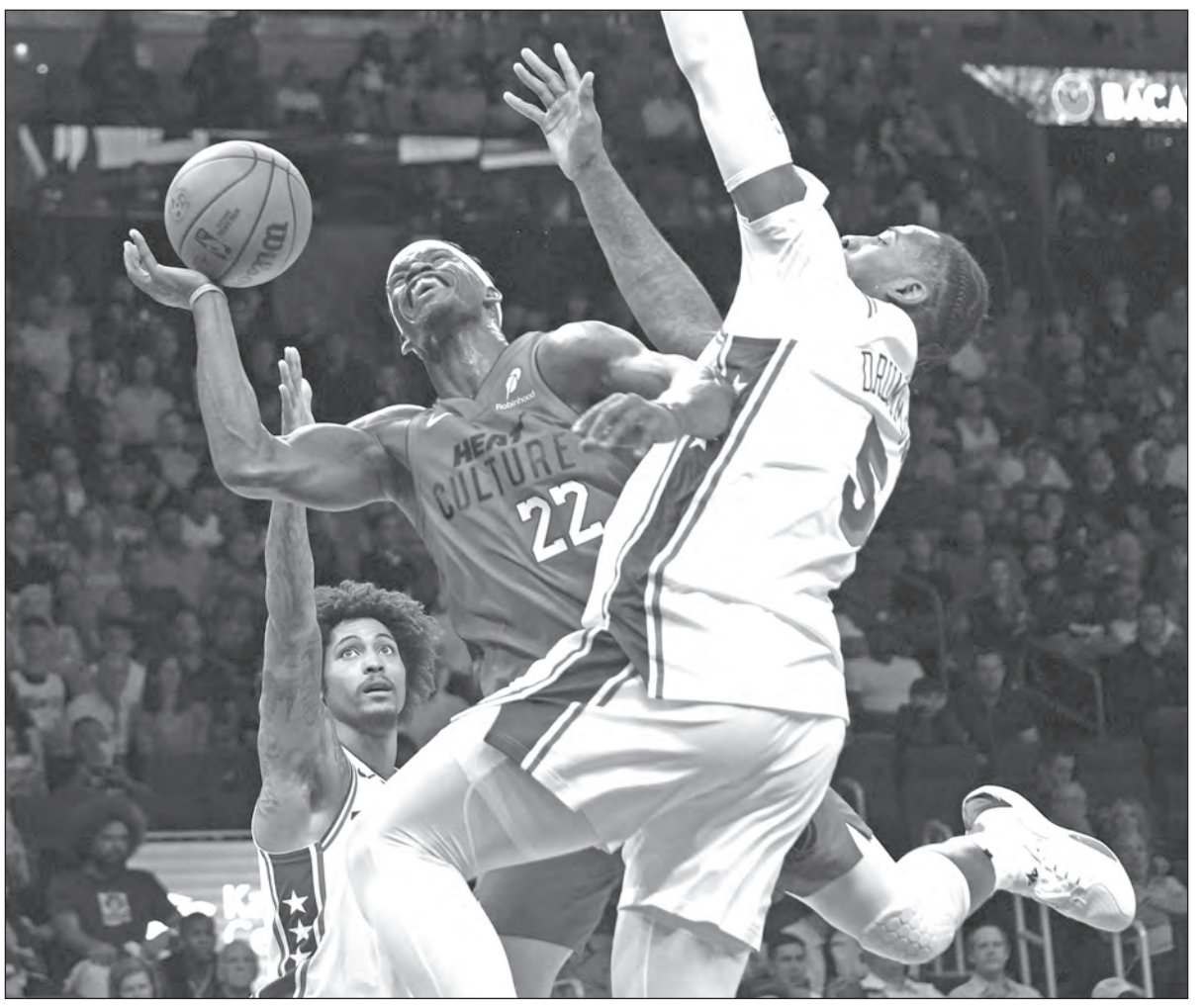
Butler scores season-high 30 as Heat beat 76ers, 106-89

MIAMI (AP)—Jimmy Butler scored a season-high 30 points in his return from a sprained ankle, Tyler Herro added 18 and the Miami Heat erased an early 19-point deficit to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 106-89 on Monday night.

Duncan Robinson scored 13 and Dru Smith added 10 for Miami, which played its first home game in two weeks. The Heat—who were outscored 137-71 in third quarters in their first four home games—outscored Philadelphia 35-16 in that period.

Jared McCain scored 20 points, Paul George added 18 and former Heat forward Caleb Martin finished with 12 for Philadelphia, which has lost 11 of 13 games to open the season.

Joel Embiid played for the third time this season; the Olympic gold medalist from this past summer scored 11 points in 31 minutes for the 76ers.



AP

Miami Heat forward Jimmy Butler (22) is fouled by Philadelphia 76ers center Andre Drummond (5) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, in Miami.

BULLS 122, PISTONS 112

DETROIT (AP)—Zach LaVine scored 16 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and Chicago pulled away for a win against Detroit.

The game was tied at 95 with 8:46 left, but LaVine had nine points in a 13-2 run that put the Bulls up by 11 with 5:45 to go. He hit six 3-pointers in the quarter after a slow start.

Nikola Vucevic led the Bulls with 29 points and 12 rebounds while Coby White scored 25.

Cade Cunningham had 26 points and 10 assists for the Pistons and Malik Beasley added 21.

KNICKS 134, WIZARDS 106

NEW YORK (AP)—Jalen Brunson had 26 points and 11 assists, and New York rolled to a victory that extended Washington's losing streak to nine games.

Karl-Anthony Towns added 24 points and 12 rebounds in just 25 minutes for the Knicks, who were off and running right from the start even while playing for the second straight night. They rang up 40 points in the first quarter and put up 36 more in the third, building the lead to 109-75 at the end of the period.

New York went 20 for 40 from 3-point range and finished with its highest point total while just missing its largest margin of victory.

Cam Payne was 5 for 6 behind the arc and had 17 points off the bench, while OG Anunoby scored 16.

Bub Carrington, Jonas Valanciunas and Corey Kispert each scored 18 points for Washington.

RAPTORS 130, PACERS 119

TORONTO (AP)—RJ Barrett scored a season-high 39 points, Jakob Poeltl had 30 points and 15 rebounds for his third straight double-double and Toronto snapped a seven-game losing streak by beating Indiana.

Toronto came in with the NBA's worst record at 2-12 and won for the first time since beating Sacramento in overtime on Nov. 2.

Barrett shot 13 for 21, going 4 for 8 from 3-point range and making 9 of 12 at the free throw line. He finished with nine rebounds.

Gradey Dick scored 15 points for Toronto. Ochai Agbaji and Davion Mitchell each had 11 and all five Raptors starters scored in double figures.

Benedict Mathurin scored 17 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and Pascal Siakam had 25 points and 10 rebounds against his former team as the Pacers lost for the third time in four games.

Indiana's Obi Toppin had nine of his 19 points in the final period. Tyrese Haliburton scored 16 points and T.J. McConnell added 10.

BUCKS 101, ROCKETS 100

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Damian Lillard hit a driving layup with 3.9 seconds left to give Milwaukee a victory over Houston that snapped their five-game winning streak.

Lillard scored 18 points after missing the previous three games while in the concussion protocol.

The Rockets rallied from a 14-point, third-quarter deficit to take the lead early in the fourth quarter and stayed ahead until Lillard's decisive basket. Giannis Antetokounmpo blocked a shot by Houston's Alperen Sengun with 20 seconds left.

Houston called timeout after Lillard's layup. After the Bucks fouled with 2 seconds left, Houston's Fred VanVleet tried inbounding the ball to Sengun, who couldn't catch it cleanly under the basket. VanVleet unsuccessfully tried passing to Jabari Smith Jr. as the horn sounded.

Brook Lopez had 27 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks for Milwaukee. Antetokounmpo had 20 points and 14 rebounds.

VanVleet scored 26 points, Jalen Green 21 and Sengun 18 for Houston.

MAGIC 109, SUNS 99

PHOENIX (AP)—Franz Wagner scored 32 points, Anthony Black added 20 and Orlando beat struggling Phoenix.

Tyus Jones had 18 points for Phoenix. Devin Booker—coming off a season-high 44 points—had 17.

The Suns had three starters out due to injury, including Kevin Durant, Bradley Beal and Jusuf Nurkic. It was Durant's sixth straight game out of the lineup. Phoenix is 1-5 over that stretch, including losing four straight.

Orlando was without leading scorer Paolo Banchero, who has an oblique injury.

The Magic opened the third quarter with a 64-48 lead and then scored the first five points for a 19-point edge. The closest Phoenix got down the stretch was 102-93, with 2:35 left in the game.

CLIPPERS 102, WARRIORS 99

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Norman Powell scored 23 points and the Los Angeles Clippers held off the Golden State Warriors 102-99 on Monday night to win their fifth in a row at home.

James Harden added 12 points and 16 assists for the Clippers, who had lost their first four games at their new arena. Ivica Zubac had 17 rebounds.

Stephen Curry led the Warriors with 26 points and Andrew Wiggins added 22. Their only lead came on a 3-pointer by Lindy Waters III to start the game, but they closed within three points in the game's final minutes. Their three-game winning streak ended.

The Warriors nearly caught the Clippers, who were on the second night of a back-to-back, in the closing seconds. But Curry missed a potential tying 3 and Gary Payton II also missed on the Warriors' final shot of the game.

HAWKS 109, KINGS 108

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—De'Andre Hunter scored 24 points and Dyson Daniels had four blocks, including one in the final seconds, as the Atlanta Hawks beat the short-handed Sacramento Kings 109-108 on Monday night.

Daniels' clutch defensive play on Kings star De'Aaron Fox finished off a late back-and-forth affair. Trae Young had 19 assists for Atlanta. Clint Capela, who had 14 points and 14 rebounds, scored the final three points for the Hawks to put them up 109-106 with under two minutes to play.

Keon Ellis had a career high 33 points, including nine 3-pointers, to lead Sacramento. The Kings were without Domantas Sabonis (back), DeMar DeRozan (back) and Malik Monk (right ankle sprain).

Sacramento led 66-64 at halftime, after falling behind 22-6 to start the game.

Lakers to honor former coach Pat Riley with a statue outside their downtown arena

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—The Los Angeles Lakers will honor former coach Pat Riley with a statue outside their downtown arena.

The Lakers announced Monday that they have commissioned a statue to stand in Star Plaza immortalizing the coach who won four championships with the "Showtime" Lakers of the 1980s. Riley also won championship rings with the Lakers as a player and an assistant coach.

The 79-year-old Riley has been part of the Miami Heat as a coach and executive for the past three decades, but his NBA roots are planted firmly with the Lakers. He played for Los Angeles from 1970 to 1975, and he was a team broadcaster before becoming Paul Westhead's assistant in 1979.

He took over as head coach in 1981 and led the Lakers through one of the most dynamic eras for any team in NBA history. With Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar leading an exciting roster with a groundbreaking fast-break offense, the Lakers went 533-194 (.733) in Riley's tenure and added 102 playoff victories over nine mostly outstanding seasons.

"Pat is a Lakers icon," Lakers owner Jeanie Buss said in a statement. "His professionalism, commitment to his craft and game preparation paved the way for the coaching we see across the league today. My dad recognized Pat's obsession and ability to take talented players and coalesce them into a championship team. The style of basketball Pat and the Lakers created in the 80s is still the blueprint for the organization today: an entertaining and winning team."

Riley will become the eighth Lakers luminary to be honored with a statue in Star Plaza, which has become a popular tourist attraction for fans of the globally popular franchise. The others are Abdul-Jabbar, Johnson, Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and broadcaster Chick Hearn.

Current Lakers coach JJ Redick said after practice Monday that Riley's honor was "well-deserved." Last summer, Redick and his family prepared for his new job by watching "Legacy: The True Story of the LA Lakers," Hulu's 10-part documentary about the franchise in which Riley is prominently featured.

"He's a legend in the game of basketball, and obviously he did a lot for this franchise," Redick said. "He's had such an impact on the game and every franchise he's been with, especially the Lakers, so I'm very happy for him."

Riley went on to coach the New York Knicks for four seasons before becoming the Heat's team president and coach in 1995. He has remained Miami's president ever since, and he won another NBA title in 2006 during his two stints as the Heat's head coach.

Just last month, the Heat named the court in their downtown arena after Riley in a ceremony attended by many of his former players.

Texans never trail while handing Cowboys 5th straight loss, 34-10

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)— Derek Barnett forced the first fumble and returned the second for a touchdown on the definitive defensive play of the game for the Houston Texans.

Joe Mixon did his thing, and C.J. Stroud didn't have to do much to extend the misery of the Dallas Cowboys.

Mixon ran for three touchdowns to extend his TD streak to six games since coming back from an ankle injury, Barnett returned a fumble 28 yards for a score, and the Texans beat the Cowboys 34-10 on Monday night.

The Texans (7-4) stopped just the second two-game losing streak in Stroud's two seasons while maintaining a two-game lead in the AFC South.

Houston pulled away in the second half a week after a 26-23 last-play loss to Detroit at home when the Texans let a 23-7 halftime lead get away and lost despite intercepting Jared Goff five times.

"It's not as bad as it ever seems, and it's never as good as it ever seems," Stroud said. "Those type of games, you have to come out with a win, especially going up like that the half. But what are we going to do about it?"

In a season filled with things gone wrong for the Cowboys (3-7), debris fell from their stadium's retractable roof as it was opening a few hours before the game.

AP

Houston Texans defensive end Derek Barnett runs with the ball while scoring on a fumble recovery during the second half of an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys, Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, in Arlington, Texas.

There was no delay and no injuries were reported, just another mishap to foreshadow a fifth consecutive defeat for a team that lost five games total in each of the past three playoff seasons.

Cooper Rush threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to KaVontae Turpin but lost his second start since Dak Prescott's season-ending hamstring injury.

The Dallas losing streak is its longest since a seven-game skid in 2015, and the Cowboys dropped to 0-5 at home. Dallas is the first team in NFL history to trail by at least 20 points in six consecutive home games, including last season's wild-card playoff loss to Green Bay, according to Sportradar.

"Well, they better be frustrated," coach Mike McCarthy said. "I mean, we're all frustrated. I think there'd be something wrong if they weren't frustrated. So just very honest with everything and stay in tune with what's right in front of us. And that's the only way I've ever done it."

The Cowboys were down 10 early in the fourth quarter when Barnett knocked the ball out of Rush's hand as he was throwing. Dallas rookie left tackle Tyler Guyton caught it and was trying to run when Jalen Pitre knocked the ball loose again.

Barnett scooped it and scored, although he almost stepped out of bounds running free toward a pylon.

"The play he made really changed for game for us," Texans coach DeMeco Ryans said. "It flipped the momentum. It got everybody juiced up on the sideline. It was just a huge play."

Earlier, the Cowboys appeared to have pulled within a touchdown on a 64-yard field goal from Brandon Aubrey, but Barnett was penalized for slapping Terence Steele on the rush.

Dallas erased the points by taking the penalty, but Rush's fourth-down pass from the Houston 8-yard line was incomplete on the only good scoring chance of the second half for the the Cowboys.

"The defense played with elite energy," Ryans said. "One big play that we gave up. Like to have that one back, but overall I think our guys played really well."

Texans receiver Nico Collins returned after missing five games with a hamstring injury and took a screen pass 77 yards to the end zone the first time he touched the ball on the first play of the game, only to have it called back because of an ineligible receiver downfield.

That possession ended with a touchdown anyway on Mixon's 45-yard sprint up the middle, and he ran wide for a 1-yard score and 14-0 lead. Mixon had 109 yards rushing and set up a field goal with a 37-yard catch-and-run on a screen.

"I really love that first play because it showed what we could do in this game," Ryans said. "Even though it got called back, I just told all our guys, 'We can go score on these guys again. Just get it in your mind we're going to score again.'"

Already without Prescott, the Cowboys lost tight end Jake Ferguson to a concussion and perennial All-Pro right guard Zack Martin and left guard Tyler Smith to ankle injuries. Rush was sacked five times, three on the same possession when Martin and Smith were injured.

Stroud, who has been in a mini-slump, threw for 257 yards while avoiding any mistakes after an early interception on fourth down. It was the third time in five games without a touchdown pass, and he has two TDs and three picks in that stretch.

Rush was 32 of 55 for 354 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Turpin had three catches for 86 yards.

Source: Ex-NBA stars Carter, McGrady part of group seeking to buy stake in Buffalo Bills

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)—Former NBA stars Vince Carter and Tracy McGrady are part of a group being considered by the NFL to purchase a non-controlling minority stake in the Buffalo Bills, a person with knowledge of the league finance committee's agenda told The Associated Press on Monday.

The person spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because the league didn't release the agenda for the committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday. The committee will also consider Ares Management's bid to buy 10% of the Miami Dolphins, the person said.

Sports Business Journal first reported the potential buyers being considered by the committee.

Tom Brady is also on the agenda, the person said, in an expected follow-up after the seven-time Super Bowl champion purchased a minority stake in the Las Vegas Raiders last month.

The Bills declined to comment on potential investors, saying in a statement that the process is ongoing and requires NFL approval.

Carter, McGrady and MLS player Jozy Altidore have joined Gridiron Capital managing partner Tom Burger in a consortium seeking to buy a 10.6% share of the Bills, the person said. Gridiron Capital's share would amount to about 1.4%.

As part of the deal, another group, Arctos Partners, would buy a 10% stake in the Bills, leaving owners Terry and Kim Pegula maintaining a controlling share in the team of more than 79%.

Carter, 47, and McGrady, 45, are cousins, have both been inducted into Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, and spent two years as teammates with the Toronto Raptors. The two attended a Bills home game in September and toured the construction site where the Bills' new stadium is being built across the street from the team's current home. The stadium is scheduled to open in June 2026.

In April, the Pegulas, who also own the NHL's Buffalo Sabres, announced they were exploring the possibility of selling a minority interest in the Bills.

The sale was considered a way for the Pegulas to cash in on the rising value of the franchise. Forbes' latest valuation of the Bills was at $4.2 billion. The Pegulas bought the team in 2014 for a then-NFL-record $1.4 billion from the estate of Hall of Fame owner and team founder Ralph Wilson.

The cost of the Bills' new stadium has risen to more than $2.1 billion, with the Pegulas on the hook for $1.25 billion, including an estimated $560 million in overruns.

Bills president Pete Guelli told the AP last week that the minority sale of the team was not connected to the construction costs.

Raiders' Brock, other NFL players celebrate TDs with Trump-inspired dance moves

The Trump dance is becoming a trend around the NFL.

Raiders tight end Brock Bowers, Titans wide receiver Calvin Ridley and Lions defensive end Za'Darius Smith followed Nick Bosa's lead and celebrated big plays on Sunday with dance moves inspired by President-elect Donald Trump.

Bowers had 13 catches for 126 yards and a touchdown for Las Vegas in a 34-19 loss at Miami. The rookie shook his arms and swayed his hips like Trump after a 23-yard catch-and-run TD.

"I've seen everyone do it," Bowers told USA Today following the game. "I watched the UFC fight (Saturday) night and Jon Jones did it. I like watching UFC so I saw it, and thought it was cool."

The Raiders didn't include Bowers' postgame availability with their other postgame videos. His comment on Trump dance wasn't included in transcripts provided by the team.

Jones celebrated his victory over Stipe Miocic on Saturday night with the Trump dance. He then pointed to Trump seated ringside at Madison Square Garden and gave him a thumbs-up.

Ridley did the herky-jerky dance while celebrating along with teammate Nick Westbrook-Ikhine during Tennessee's 23-13 loss to Minnesota.

Smith and Malcolm Rodriguez busted it out after a sack in the fourth quarter of Detroit's 52-6 rout of Jacksonville.

Bosa, the San Francisco 49ers star defensive end, was fined $11,255 by the NFL for wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat during a postgame television interview. The hat violated the league's NFL uniform and equipment rules. Bosa crashed a television interview that included quarterback Brock Purdy during NBC's postgame coverage of the Niners' win over the Dallas Cowboys on Oct. 27 and pointed to the pro-Trump hat.

Last week, Bosa celebrated a sack during San Francisco's victory over Tampa Bay by doing the Trump dance with teammates.

College players have been doing it for weeks and it's gone international. Players from the English soccer club Barnsley celebrated a goal with the Trump dance. ***(AP)***

LITS celebrates 26th anniversary with sports, health screening activities

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The Life in the Son Christian Fellowship celebrated its 26th anniversary last Saturday morning with a bevy of sports and health screening activities at the Marianas High School Cafeteria in Susupe.

According to LITS pastor Eric Abragan the event was a community outreach in collaboration with Diabetes Awareness Month committee to promote physical activity.

"This is part of our community outreach for Life in the Son's 26th anniversary, so we plan to do an event for an outreach to keep the community be active, so we open this up to the community and at the same time we partnered with the Diabetes Awareness Month committee, they encouraged us to do physical activity for the community. So, we thought of pickleball," said Abragan.

The event started at 7:30am with a pickleball beginner's class for all ages with coaches from LITS and the Pickleball Federation of the NMI.

There were 48 who signed up to participate in the pickleball clinic and they were divided into five hourly schedules from 7:30am to 11am. The coaches provided the net, pickleball, and the paddles including lessons on pickleball's basic rules and scoring.

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The Life in the Son Christian Fellowship pastor Eric Abragan, standing third from the left, with volunteers during LITS' community outreach in celebration of its 26th anniversary last Saturday at the Marianas High School cafeteria in Susupe.

"It's so easy to set up so as you can see, we can set it up for outdoor use and also for indoor use. The nets are portable and can be set up in about 5-10 minutes. Originally, the plan was all indoors at the gym but there was a conflict of schedule. We were able to secure this area (referring to the outdoor setup) and the indoor. We want to maximize everything," said Abragan.

A run/walk clinic for beginners hosted by Run Saipan was held beginning 8:30am with over 20 participants. Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. did his PowerPoint presentation wherein he discussed how the traditional runner of a perfect runner is like Michael Johnson in the track or field, wherein normal runners cannot achieve this form as it requires years of training.

Dela Cruz discussed perfect running forms, foot strike patterns, heel striking, healing strength while running, running form and injuries, knee pain while running, treadmill running, and choosing the right shoes.

The event also featured free health screening (blood pressure and blood glucose) facilitated by the NMC Nursing Club and LITS volunteers and free eye screening by Marianas Eye Marianas.

LITS would like to thank Pickleball Federation of the NMI, Run Saipan, Marinas Eye Institute, Marianas Health Services, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and Northern Marianas College for the success of the event.

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The NMC Nursing Club also conducted blood glucose screening during the event.

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The event also featured Marianas Eye Institute's free eye checkup.

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an equalizer in the 43rd minute as Brian Lubao found a gap and made it 1-1. The hunter then became the hunted as in the 60th minute, Kanoa balanced it out after a PK to Daniell Pablo for a 2-1 lead.

However, 11Tiger was persistent and after much back and forth, they leveled the match once again in the 83rd from a goal by Joe Miller, making it 2-2. Tenorio then put his foot down and put a stop to a possible Kanoa resurgence as he scored the decisive winning third goal in 90+4 extra time for a 3-2 final.

With Tenorio and Miller in 11Tigers were Jamin Elliot, Ariel Narvaez Jr., Saixian Bagsic, Monaco Claridades, Anthony Austria, Zhi Xiang Lin, Akira Kadokura, Tanapon "Jack" Unsa, Yoshi Mafnas, Mareko Tekopua, Brandon Tenorio, David Mafnas, John Masga, Heman Addy, Dane Hodges, Md Khan, and Phillip Megino.

Unsa was the Golden Boot awardee with 11 goals in the season.

11Tigers coach Bada Lee said about their fifth straight MSL championship, "Winning again feels incredible! It's always a team effort, and there's something special to regaining the title after a previous loss. Every win is unique, but this one feels extra meaningful given everything we've been through to get here."

Their match against Kanoa, he said, was intense. "They are a tough competitor, but we stayed focused and executed our game plan. It wasn't easy, but we knew we had to dig deep, and it paid off. The energy was electric!"

Lee added that the difference in their team this year compared to last was that they had to relearn team chemistry because some of their younger players left for college. "We approached with greater focus and a stronger sense of unity with my captains Sunjoon [Tenorio], David [Mafnas], and Jack's [Unsa] contribution, the team was demonstrated with excellent leadership throughout the season. There was a collective commitment of improvement, and it really showed when it mattered most."

Their season this year was successful, as they boasted an undefeated 9-0-0 record. "This season has been highly successful, as the team won every match without a single loss or draw, but we learned a lot from every challenge. We finished with [9-0-0], which put us in a good position for the playoffs. We faced some good teams, but every match was a learning experience, and that made all the difference in the end."

He then gave his words of thanks. "First, a huge thank you to my teammates—everyone stepped up, and this is a shared victory. My captains Sunjoon, David, and Jack, were instrumental in keeping us focused, and the fans were amazing all season," he said. "We wouldn't be here without the support of our families, friends, sponsors and everyone who believed in us from the start. This one's for all of you!"

11Tigers, which is under Matansa FC, also won the Inaugural Marianas Club Championship last December over Guam's Wings FC.

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Ivan De Vero, but SMJ's tight squad made the game an uphill battle that lasted until the very end.

As a result, the team headed into overtime, as Unity Trade's Christian De Vero tied it up, 62-62, with just mere seconds on the clock.

In overtime, everyone was on the edge of their seats even more as both teams fought until there was nothing left to give. In the end, SMJ managed to put up 8 points, while Unity Trade fell short with just 4 points, and handed the win to SMJ.

Robles led SMJ to victory with 17 markers, while Estolas had 14, and Frank Ferrer contributed 13. Esdrelon had a game-high 23 points to show for his efforts, while Diwa and Ivan De Vero put up 13 each.

In other results that day, Alsa Baso slipped past One Pacific, 81-78, and HBR made losers of El Champions, 66-55.

In last Sunday's games, 670 Gravity leapt over One n Win, 75-69 in the masters division; Swishas made light work of Umi Shooters, 126-74; and Team Alliana's discarded Lakay, 101-65.

The finals for the semi open and masters division are set for this Sunday, Nov. 24. The masters finals is first at 6:30pm, while the semi open finals is right after at 7:30pm.

SMJ Corp 70 – Robles 17, Estolas 14, Ferrer 13, Mejarito 10, Licayan 5, Yanto 4, Suba 3, Directo 2, David 2.

Unity Trade 66 – Esdrelon 23, Diwa 13, I. De Vero 13, C. De Vero 8, Mateo 5, Gontar 4.

Scoring by halves: 34-24; 62-62, 70-66.

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nia Davis Cup team, said the entire team is excited for today's start of competition.

"We are excited to play our first tie. We are the newest team in Davis Cup so we enter the competition at the bottom of the world rankings. So. we can only go up from here. We've got a great team here and a great shot at getting promoted to Group 4."

Twenty-five-year-old Ramsey said in an interview yesterday that his first ever stint in the Davis Cup will be one of those trips he'll remember forever.

"Our team has finally all arrived and we hit the courts the other day. It's so nice to reconnect with Colin (Sinclair) and Robbie. Tomas adds a great dynamic to the team as well. Colin has been dealing with lower back issues this whole season and won't be at his full potential," he said. "The rest of us will have to rise to the occasion and do our best to make the NMI proud. Jeff will have the captains meeting today [yesterday] which will decide the seedings and who is in our pool. Competition starts tomorrow [today]!"

As for the conditions in Bahrain, he said, "A bit drier than we're used to, but the temperature is about the same. In the afternoon, it's perfect tennis weather."

For the youngest of the group, 22-year-old Schorr, who flew in from the U.S., he said, "I practiced for the first time on the courts yesterday [Monday]. Everything felt good, courts are fairly quick so it's all about adjusting to that. The venue is nice, there are six courts and is about 15 minutes away from the hotel."

Abel, who flew with Race and Ramsey from Saipan, said, "Everyone got into town safely, with Robbie and Colin Sinclair coming in from the mainland and Australia, respectively. Today is the day when we find out who we will play in our group, so we are excited about that. We have been able to get really good practice times in daily. The venue is nice; about a half hour drive from the hotel. The weather is also reasonable, similar temp to Saipan but less humid. Coach Race and the team manager Karen Buettner have been doing a great job working out all the logistics of our movements and making sure everyone is doing well."

ATP Tour veteran and former Pacific Oceania Davis Cup player, 29-year-old Sinclair flew in from Brisbane, Australia after his doubles championship win in the Brisbane QTC Tennis International just last weekend.

He teamed up with Brandon Walkin and defeated Joshua Charlton and Emile Hudd in two sets, 7-6, 6-3.

Butler scores season-high 30 as Heat beat 76ers 106-89

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11Tigers maul Kanoa for 5th straight title

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Five-time champion 11Tigers players pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony of the Marianas Soccer League 1 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Sunday.

NMIFA

11Tigers' Tanapon "Jack" Unsa poses with the Golden Boot award as he made the most goals in the Marianas Soccer League 1 season with 11.

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Undefeated 11Tigers mauled Kanoa Football Club for their fifth straight Marianas Soccer League 1 championship last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The Tigers hunted the boys in orange up and down the pitch like prey and won, 3-2.

The intensity on the pitch was only rivaled by the energy of the crowd that cheered them on in the stands and the sidelines. The electricity was palpable and pulsed through the players as they battled for possession and the upper hand.

Then, 11Tigers' Sunjoon Tenorio got the Tigers roaring in the 26th minute from a penalty kick for a 1-0 advantage, while Kanoa had yet to find their footing.

Kanoa finally replied and scored

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Tennis team ready to rumble in NMI's 1st Davis Cup stint

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The current Four Horsemen of NMI tennis—Colin Sinclair, Robbie Schorr, Colin Ramsey, and Tomas Abel—are ready to rumble as Team NMI makes its Davis Cup debut in Isa Town, Bahrain today.

The Davis Cup is a team competition and is the largest annual team competition in tennis, with over 150 teams competing each year. The format for each "tie" is that the No. 2 singles players play each other, then the No. 1 players face off, followed by the doubles team.

The NMI, which is currently in Group 5, is one of 15 countries in the competition and according to Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Federation president and NMI Davis Cup team skipper Jeff Race, if the whole team is healthy, they will be one of the top teams there.

After all members made their way to Bahrain and held practice sessions yesterday and the day before, Race said that the guys "are excited and looking forward to the competition."

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From left, Team NMI's Davis Cup team Colin Sinclair, Robbie Schorr, Tomas Abel, and Colin Ramsey poses for a group photo in Bahrain last Monday.

He added that the Philippines is one of the most notable teams there. "They were in Group 2 and this is Group 5. They are down here I think due to some sanctions and it's the first time they are playing in a few years. Two of the top teams will advance to Group 4 next year."

At press time, Race said that they are still waiting for what counties will be in their pool.

Sinclair, the 29-year-old former No. 1 player of the Pacific Ocea-

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SMJ makes way to semis after OT thriller

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SMJ Corp. divided Unity Trade, 70-66, after an overtime thriller to make it to the semifinals of the semi open division of the Win Pacific Corp. Invitational Basketball League 2024 at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium last Saturday.

The game started with a battle from deep territory as SMJ's Alex Robles drew first blood, with a quick equalizer by Unity Trade's Elmer Esdrelon for an early 3-3 game.

Both teams were firing on all cylinders but good defense on both ends dominoed into missed opportunities at the basket. The net was still closed until Esdrelon finally broke the draw with an and-1 at the below 16-minute mark.

They were still evenly matched as they were all knotted up at 8-8 with less than 14 minutes in the first half. However, Robles' power and accuracy at the basket, along with Jun Estolas and Aiden Suba's contributions also from downtown helped them dominate the first half with a sizeable lead, 34-24.

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SMJ's Charlz Sanchez, left, goes up against Unity Trade's Christian De Vero during the opening jump ball in their playoffs game in the semi open division of the Win Pacific Corp. Invitational Basketball League 2024 at the Gillette Multi Purpose Gymnasium last Saturday.

Esdrelon tried to keep his team together and pushed his way to the basket every chance he got. He was assisted mostly by Su Diwa and

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